WEATHER.

Rain and warmer Wednesday; Thursday probably fair, colder west portion.

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IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE AT SOME NEUTRAL POINT FOR DISCUSSION OF PEACE PROPOSED BY TEUTONS

Is Suggested That Delegates From Belligerent Powers Meet and Exchange Views.

REPLY TO WILSON'S NOTE

Germany Thinks Time to Begin Work to Prevent Future Wars is Not Opportune Now.

WAIT TILL CONFLICT ENDS

Nothing Yet to Indicate Tenor of Entente Allies' Replies.

The Teutonic allies are favorable to an immediate meeting of delegates from the belligerent states at some neutral point in order that an exchange of views with regard to peace may be carried out.

This has been declared by the German government in replying to the recent note of President Wilson suggesting that the belligerent nations make known their basis for peace. It is announced in the note that Germany is of the opinion that the work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle, but that then Germany will be ready to collaborate with the United States "in this exalted task."

Allies' Attitude Not Indicated.

Nothing has yet come through to indicate what will be the tenor of the replies of the Entente Allies to President Wilson's suggestions, and so far as is known, none of them has yet given an answer to the announcement made to them in the note of the Teutonic allies that Germany is ready to discuss peace.

Meantime, the premiers of Great Britain's colonies have been urged to attend at an early date—not later than the end of February—a series of special meetings of the war cabinet. At these meetings, says the British colony secretary, urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, possible conditions on which "in agreement with our allies, we could assent to its termination, and problems which would then immediately arise," are to be discussed.

REPLY OF CENTRAL POWERS TO THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Berlin, Dec. 26 (via Sayville)—Germany and her allies—Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey—today replied to the note of President Wilson, in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they were fighting. The proposal is made by the Central Powers that a conference of the delegates of all the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present struggle. The reply of the Central Powers as given out here today, says:

"The high-minded suggestion made by the President of the United States of America in order to create a basis for the establishment of a lasting peace, has been received and considered by the Imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the President's communication.

"The President points out that which he has at heart, and leaves open the choice of road.

"To the imperial government, an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result.

"It begs, therefore, in the sense of the declaration made on December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place.

"The imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

"It will, when this moment shall have come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The answer of the Central powers concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

SAYS NORWAY GIVES OPEN GREETING TO IDEA OF PEACE

London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen today says Dr. Mowinckel, president of the Norwegian Storthing, during an interview on his country's attitude concerning peace discussions, declared that Norway, in common with the whole neutral world, had greeted the idea of peace as "one greets the dawn of day after a stormy night."

"Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's latest utterances, so far as they referred to the future relations between nations," Dr. Mowinckel added, "were similar to the statements in that respect made by President Wilson and Viscount Grey, the former British minister and I therefore hope that the possibility of finding a common basis for negotiations is not far distant."

From the recent speech of David Lloyd George, the British premier, M.

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Germany's Reply Regarded As Advancing the Movement For Peace Another Step Forward

Reception of the Proposal Among Entente Allies Now Becomes Point Upon Which a Further Move is Hinged—Failure to Outline Terms for Peace is Disappointing Feature—These May be Stated in Supplementary Note?

Washington, Dec. 26.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note is regarded as having advanced the peace movement another step despite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for an avowal of terms.

The reception Germany's reply receives among the Entente Allies, whose statemen have publicy declared against such a programme, now becomes the point upon which a further move is hinged. The German note probably is the prelude to a series of carefully considered delicate moves in the great game of world diplomacy all possibly leading to an approach for a real discussion of peace terms on the grounds which all the belligerents can feel place them at no disadvantage.

This is the official view of Germany's reply so far as it has been formulated on the basis of the unofficial text. The official copy had not been received tonight and President Wilson was keeping his mind open.

Regarded Step Toward Peace

Neutral diplomatic quarters regarded the note as a step toward peace and rather leaned to the view that Germany might follow it with a confidential communication of some sort outlying her terms.

The view of the Entente ally embassies, frankly expressed, was that it was not an answer to President Wilson's note but rather a document for circulation in Germany and in neutral countries with the object of moulding opinion to place responsibility for continuing the war on the Entente. Among the Germanic diplomats the only view expressed was one of surprise that the reply preceded receipt of the Entente reply to Germany's original peace proposal of December 12.

One Difficult Feature

It was everywhere agreed that the principal sticking point was the lack of a definite statement of terms such as President Wilson asked and such as Lloyd-George declared the Allies would require if they were not to put their "heads in a noose with the rope end in the hands of the Germans", It is not beyond the realm of diplomacy, however, to find a way to bridge the difficulty and Germany's failure is not regarded as a block to the negotiations although it makes them exceedingly difficult.

Germany's declaration that she regards the work of securing the world against future wars as a work to be taken up after the present conflict is ended was regarded with a diversity of opinion.

Harmonizes With Wilson's Note

Officials who turned back and compared the statement with the phrases of President Wilson's note did not find the two out of harmony, nor in disagreement with the President's public utterances on a world agreement to preserve peace, yet there was an undeniable opinion abroad in official quarters that ending of the war and the safe guarding of peace of the future were a joint programme so inseperable that one depends upon the other. Those taking this view referred to Lloyd-George's declaration that the allies would consider it possible to enter a conference only if Germany would first openly offer "reparation, restitution and guarantees".

The German reply is regarded as not only failing to do this but its suggestion that the work be left for the future, it is feared, may raise a difficult obstacle for the allied statesmen to surmount with their own people, to whom an absolutely durable peace has been held out as one of the main justifications of the war. It also has been sheafed by the allied statesman with the terms which would end the conflict.

Might Require Separate Conferences

Unpopular as such a concession might be in the Entente countries, the very enormity of the subject viewed in the cold light of diplomacy, is regarded here as sufficient to require a separate conference but one which might properly be intertwined with the peace meeting. One suggestion is that the conference might bind the belligerents in the solemn declaration and pledge to carry out reorganization of the international balance and leave the actual details, such as demobilization, limitation of armament, military budgets and the like for a separate conference untrammeled by the difficulties which are sure to surround the first meeting.

The difficulties which nearly broke up the first Hague peace conference were re-called today as an indication of what would confront the delegates.

More Specific Than First Proposal

Germany's proposal for "an immediate meeting of delegates at a neutral place" is received as admittedly much more specific than the original proposal to enter forthwith into peace negotiations and to go even further than President Wilson's suggestion that "soundings be taken". This alone is singled out by those who regard the reply as a step toward peace despite the repeated declarations of allied statesmen that it was impossible without a statement of Germany's terms. They expect these two positions, apparently far apart, to be reconciled by the art of diplomacy.

How far the United States can or will be concerned, can only be decided by President Wilson. Officials as-

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CONSIDERING A GREAT NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

To Signalize American Acquisition of Danish Isles.

Danish Minister Informs State Department That King Christian Has Approved the Sale to the United States

Washington, Dec. 26.—Plans for a great naval demonstration to signalize American acquisition of the Danish West Indies are being considered by State and Navy Department officials. Probably the entire Atlantic fleet will be ordered to St. Thomas, the long sought naval base site, to participate in the celebration.

Minister Brun, of Denmark, formally advised the State Department today that the treaty for the sale of the islands had been approved by King Christian, and would be dispatched from Copenhagen, December 20. It should reach here two weeks later for Secretary Lansing's signature.

The Atlantic fleet will mobilize at Guantanamo, Cuba, for winter manuevers next month and will be reviewed there by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt, who will be on his way to inspect the naval forces in Haiti and San Domingo, may take charge of the ceremonies at St. Thomas.

G. H. USHER DEAD.

Was Superintendent of Southern Division Postal Telegraph Co.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—G. H. Usher, general superintendent of the Southern division of the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company, died at his home here today. Mr. Usher was 58 years old. He is survived by his wife and mother.

CO-OPERATION OF THE RAILROADS REQUESTED

Unnecessary Detention of Freight Cars is Indicated.

District Attorney Anderson Would Have Roads Report Regularly As to Cars Held at Various Points in the Country

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—A widespread and unnecessary detention of freight cars in various parts of the country, together with an abnormal shortage of freight equipment, is indicated by reports of special agents of the Department of Justice and inspectors of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal District Attorney George W. Anderson stated today.

Mr. Anderson, who is conducting the Federal government's inquiry into the high cost of food and other necessaries, asks the co-operation of railroads in reporting to him all unnecessary detention of freight cars.

In letters sent today to the New York, New Haven and Hartford, Boston and Maine, and Boston and Albany railroads, Mr. Anderson wrote in part:

"We find that coal cars have been kept after reaching the delivery point from two to five times the normal period for unloading. Such facts are exceedingly suspicious. They point to probable combinations in restraint of trade, particularly when we find them accompanied by greatly enhanced prices, out of which extradinary profits must have accrued to some of the persons apparently responsible for such detention of cars."

Mr. Anderson suggested that the railroads should furnish him with daily lists of cars held unloaded more than 48 hours.

WILSON RECEIVED 568,822 PLURALITY OVER C. E. HUGHES

President Made a Gain of More Than 2,800,000 Over the Vote Cast for Him in 1912.

OFFICIAL VOTE BY STATES

Mr. Hughes' Gain Over Roosevelt and Taft in 1912 Was Less Than One Million.

New York, Dec. 26.—Complete official returns on the Presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 9,116,296 votes and Mr. Hughes 8,547,474, a plurality of 568,822 for Mr. Wilson. In 1912 Wilson (Democrat) received 6,297,099; Taft (Republican) 3,846,329; Roosevelt, (Progressive) 4,124,959.

The vote for Mr. Benson, Socialist candidate for president was 755,000 with eight missing states estimated, against 901,873 for Debs, Socialist, in 1912, and for Mr. Hanley, Prohibitionist candidate, was 225,101 against 207,928 for Chafin, Prohibitionist, in 1912.

The total popular vote for the four candidates was 18,638,871, as against 15,045,322 in 1912. This is an increase of 3,593,549, accounted for by the increased population and the woman vote in the new suffrage states.

VOTE CAST BY STATES FOR WILSON AND HUGHES

The following is a table showing the vote by states for Wilson and Hughes:

	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama	97,778	28,662
Arkansas	112,186	49,827
Arizona	33,170	20,524
California	466,289	462,516
Colorado	178,816	102,308
Connecticut	99,786	106,514
Delaware	24,521	25,794
Florida	56,108	14,611
Georgia	125,831	11,225
Idaho	70,021	56,368
Illinois	950,081	1,152,316
Indiana	324,063	341,006
Iowa	221,699	280,449
Kansas	314,588	277,656
Kentucky	269,900	241,854
Louisiana	79,875	6,644
Maine	64,118	69,506
Maryland	138,359	117,347
Massachusetts	247,885	268,812
Michigan	286,775	339,097
Minnesota	179,152	179,544
Mississippi	80,383	4,253
Missouri	398,032	365,339
Montana	101,063	66,750
Nebraska	168,827	117,771
Nevada	17,776	12,127
New Hampshire	43,779	43,723
New Jersey	211,018	268,982
New Mexico	33,553	31,161
New York	756,880	875,510
North Carolina	168,383	120,890
North Dakota	55,271	52,651
Ohio	604,946	514,836
Oklahoma	148,123	97,233
Oregon	120,087	126,813
Pennsylvania	521,784	703,734
Rhode Island	40,394	44,853
South Carolina	61,846	3,809
South Dakota	59,191	69,261
Tennessee	153,334	116,114
Texas	285,909	64,949
Utah	84,025	54,133
Vermont	22,708	40,256
Virginia	102,824	49,359
Washington	183,388	167,244
West Virginia	140,403	143,124
Wisconsin	193,042	221,323
Wyoming	25,316	21,633
Totals	9,116,296	8,547,474

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION IS FORMED AT THE HAGUE

Is Substituted for the Ford Neutral Conference for Mediation

The Hague, Dec. 26.—The recent moves toward bringing about a discussion of peace have resulted in the substitution for the Ford neutral conference for continuous mediation of a new international commission with ramificiations in Europe and the United States. The membership of the commission will comprise prominent politicians, diplomats and theoreticians and its task will be to obtain intelligent ideas as to the conditions for a lasting peace. The headquarters will remain at The Hague.

Louis P. Lochner, of Chicago, will continue as secretary of the commission.

LIMITED AMOUNT OF STOCK.

Will be Open to Purchase by U. S. Steel Officials and Employes.

New York, Dec. 26.—The officers and employes of the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries will have an opportunity this year to subscribe for not more than 35,000 shares of the corporation's common stock at 107, the directors decided today. A year ago the subscription price to employes was $85, which was about market value of the stock at that time.

NEW ORLEANS SUCCESSFUL?

Is Thought Certain That Farm Loan Bank Will be Located There.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—William C. Dufour, chairman of the citizens' committee conducting the New Orleans campaign for one of the 12 Federal farm loan banks, announced today he had received a telegram from sources he considered absolutely reliable in Washington stating that this city had been selected by the Federal board as the location for a farm loan bank.

FROM 17 TO 50 PERSONS ARE REPORTED DEAD AS RESULT OF A TORNADO IN ARKANSAS

Storm is Said to Have Swept Path Four Miles Wide in South Central Part of the State Late Yesterday—Four Known Dead at Town of England—Seventeen Reported Killed at Keo—Fears Felt for Convicts at State Farm.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—Eleven persons are known to have been killed and more than a score injured, several probably fatally, in a tornado which swept a four mile path through central Arkansas late today. Other reports, which could not be confirmed late tonight owing to an interruption in wire communication with the storm-swept area, were that 17 negroes lost their lives near Keo and it was feared that some of the 325 convicts quartered at the state farm near Tucker were killed or injured. No estimate of the property damage was available tonight.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—Reports are current that from 17 to 50 persons were killed in a tornado that struck south central Arkansas late today. Four are known to be dead at England; 17 reported dead at Keo and several are reported killed at the state convict farm at Tucker. All wires into the storm area are down.

The known dead are Albert L. Swarts, a farmer, and three negroes who lived near England. The Swarts home was carried 100 yards. Mrs. Swarts was probably fatally injured and an 18-year-old daughter was hurt.

The storm is said to have swept a path about four miles wide and it is reported that several fires broke out in the wreckage. Every physician in the little town of England has gone to the country to care for the injured.

Considerable alarm is felt over the situation at the state convict farm at Tucker, where there is said to have been a heavy death list. There are about 325 prisoners at the farm.

THREE LITTLE GIRLS KILLED NEAR THE TOWN OF CARLISLE

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—The death of three persons and the injury of five others are reported from Carlisle, 28 miles east of Little Rock.

The dead are three little girls, Choice and Allalee Padgett and Frances Snow. The parents of the Padgett children and a son was severely injured, when their home was wrecked. Several houses were blown down in that neighbor-

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TEUTONS CONTINUE TO MAKE ADVANCES

They Have Occupied More Territory in Northern Wallachia and in Dobrudja.

5,500 RUSSIANS CAPTURED

Have Been Taken During Past Few Days West of Rimnik Sarat—British Forces Still In Quest of Kut-El-Amara

Rumania continues the theatre of greatest activities. In northern Wallachia, along the southern Moldavian border, and in Dobrudja the Teutonic allies continue to make gains over the Russians and Rumanians. Thirty miles southwest of Braila the invaders have captured the town of Filipechti, and west of Rimnik Sarat are on the offensive. In this latter region, during the past few days 5,500 Russians have been made prisoner.

In Mesopotamia the British forces are still in quest of Kut-El-Amara, in which sector they have made further advances on the right bank of the Tigris and consolidated and extended their positions south and east of the town. Gassabs fort, 20 miles southeast of Kut, a base from which hostile Arabs have been operating against the British, has been destroyed.

The British victory over the Turks at Maghdaba, 90 miles east of the Suez, was of considerable proportions. In addition to making prisoners of 1,350 men of the Turkish force of about 2,000 seven guns, a large number of rifles, much ammunition and large quantities of war stores were captured.

On the other fronts there have been only artillery engagements.

SAYS ENTENTE LOSSES IN SOMME DRIVE ALL IN VAIN

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 26.—The almost cessation of the fighting on the Somme front during the past four weeks, has enabled the Germans to complete a new system of trenches along the whole front, says the military critic of the Overseas News Agency in an article today. He declares the great battle that began there on July 1 may now be considered to have been terminated and declares that the fact that the Germans, being enabled to re-construct their line, means that all the efforts and losses of the five months offensive by the Entente forces were in vain and if it is desired to resume the attack it must be begun all over again as in the beginning.

As to the new defenses, the writer says they have been perfected to such a degree that even the foremost trenches are now protected by barbed wire, with the troops holding them occupying deep dugouts and having adequately protected communication trenches. Moreover, he asserts, the new defensive lines are stronger than those of July 1, "as behind the first line trenches, which were constructed under hostile artillery fire, are more than a dozen of the strongest sort of defensive lines which have been built absolutely without interference and with great care."

As a further sign of the exhaustion of the offensive, the writer notes a let up in the air activity by the Entente, although German squadrons had been carrying out raids toward the west.

Regarding the Rumanian campaign the military critic points out that navigation on the Danube for the Russians has been definitely stopped with the occupation of Tultcha by the Bulgarians leaving the Russians only the railroad lines to Reni and Jassy

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ALLIED FLEET IN AMERICAN WATERS?

Vessels of Strange Appearance, Heavily Armed and Disguised, Sighted by Skippers.

WERE SAILING WESTWARD

Fleet Said to Have Arrived at Halifax, N. S., —Purport Believed to Be to Guard Against Raid by German U-Boats

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of allied warships was indicated definitely today. The vessels are known officially as commerce protectors. They are heavily armed and disguised. For obvious reasons their exact disposition is not revealed, but the arrival recently in American waters of this newest unit of the British and French admiralties was made known from a source that hardly can be mistaken.

For some days skippers of trans-Atlantic and coastwise steamers have been bringing to New England ports reports of strange appearing craft making their way westward. They made no reply to signals and could not be approached. They steered a vagrant course, and were described variously as of the fashion of merchantmen, transports, light cruisers and even of submarines. Pieced together these reports fitted in with the suspicion now apparently confirmed of shipping men. It is said the fleet arrived safely at Halifax, N. S., a few days ago, but nothing then became known generally about it, because of the strict censorship maintained. The commerce protectors are described as large and powerful, but capable of fair speed. They were designed, it is said, to meet the German U-Boat danger, and in anticipation of an attempted raid off the Canadian coast similar to that made by the U-53 off Nantucket on October 8.

The arrival of the disguised warships was followed almost immediately with the announcement by the British premier, Lloyd-George, of the plan for the nationalization of British shipping. It is understood that the commerce protectors will not only lie in wait for submarines at strategical points, but that they have been provided in sufficient number to act as convoys for merchant vessels throughout the zones in which under-sea boats will be most likely to operate.

SIX MEN ARRESTED

Result of Finding Bomb Near Residence of Governor of Utah

Salt Lake City Utah, Dec. 26.—Six men are under arrest today as a consequence of the finding of a bomb yesterday near the residence of Governor William Spry. The police also are investigating the explosion of a bomb last night at the home of James E. Jennings, a Salt Lake City capitalist.

STORM WARNINGS REPEATED.

Still Displayed from Fortress Monroe to Jacksonville Last Night.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Storm warnings which the weather bureau today ordered displayed from Fortress Monroe to Jacksonville were repeated in the forecast issued tonight. Fresh northeast to east winds accompanied by rain were predicted for the south Atlantic coast.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Ernest Buchamp, of Winfield, Ia., knocked out Ban Ketchel, of New York, in the fifth round of a scheduld 10-round boxing contest here tonight. The men are light heavyweights.

INDEPENDENTS TO HOLD BALANCE IN ELECTING SPEAKER

Neither Democrats Nor Republicans Will Have a Majority in the Next House.

RESULT IS VERY DOUBTFUL

Split in Republican Ranks Possible, But Leaders Hope for Harmonious Action.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Revised figures on returns of the last election show definitely that neither Democrats nor Republicans will have a majority of the next House, necessary to elect a speaker, and that a handful of independents will determine which side will control the organization.

Conceding seats to candidates in possession of certificates of election, because they are certain to participate in the organization of the House, the personnel now stands:

Republicans 214; Democrats 213; Independents, two; Progressives two; Prohibitionist, one; Socialist, one; contested two.

A majority is 218, hence should either Democrats or Republicans win both of the contests they still would be short of a majority.

Independents Maintain Silence.

All of the independents are maintaining strict silence regarding their attitude on the speakership, but the Democratic and Republican leaders are agreed on how most of them will vote, provided caucuses are held and solidarity maintained by the two old parties.

Kelly, of Pennsylvania, a Progressive, who formerly was a Democratic member of the House, is listed as a Democratic probability. So are Randell, Prohibitionist, of California, who voted for Speaker Clark the last time, and London, of New York, Socialist, sits on the Democratic side now and has been shown favors by Democratic leaders.

Schall, of Minnesota, Progressive, the leaders agree, probably would lean toward a Republican candidate if convinced of his progressiveism. He campaigned for the National Republican ticket during the last campaign, although opposed by the regular organization in his state. Filler, independent, of Massachusetts, also is classed as a Republican hope.

Martin, of Louisiana, Progressive, comes from a large sugar district in Louisiana and has indicated that assurance of protection of the sugar interests will be his first concern in voting on the organization. He formerly was a Democrat, however, and Democratic leaders hope to get his vote. At the same time Republicans think he can be convinced that their party is the only one which has his sugar interests at heart.

Numerous Contests.

Contests in which certificates have not been issued are in the 32nd Pennsylvania district, where Representative Barchfeld, Republican, is contesting the election of Guy E. Campbell, Democrat, who, on the face of the returns won by 48 votes, and the third New Jersey district, where Representative Scully, Democrat, is opposing the election of Robert Carson, Republican. Scully now is reported to have a lead of 125 votes on the re-count, but there still are about 3,000 votes to be passed upon by the courts. At least 20 seats, it is said, will be contested in the House after it has organized.

Should the Republicans seat both of their contestants, and hold their membership solid for their candidate, they would need only two independent votes to win the speakership, while the Democrats would need five. On the other hand, should the Democrats win the contested seats, the Republicans would need four independent votes while the Democrats could win with three votes.

There is no question about the Democrats voting solidly for Speaker Clark, but there are some signs of strife among the Republicans. Representative Gardner already has announced his opposition to Representative Mann. Every effort will be made by leaders, however, to have the solid support of Republicans assured in conferences before voting starts.

Mann Hopes for Unity.

Representative Gardner, who announced yesterday that he would seek to obtain a Republican conference to "formulate policies" for the future activity of the party in the House, did not visit the Capitol today. Mr. Mann was there, however, and tonight he expressed the view that the Republicans would stand united at least in the organization of the House.

"I have nothing to say about the speakership matter or the Gardner episode," he said, "except that I still hope that the President in some way through God's providence may aid in bringing about a peace which shall be lasting and permanent and provide for disarmament and the removal of the heavy burdens of military and naval preparedness, and if I can in the slightest degree assist to bring about such a result, I would rather do that than to be speaker.

"The charge of Mr. Gardner that I am for Prussia and Prussianism is, of course, utterly untrue. I am for America first, last, and all the time and do not take sides in the European war. In Mr. Gardner's opinion that is my offense.

"I suppose it is inevitable that in the present situation in regard to political control of the House every man who gets a grouch will be tempted to bluster around and say that he will not

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CARRANZA'S REPLY NOT YET RECEIVED

Time Limit for His Ratification or Rejection of Protocol Expired at Midnight.

REPLY POSSIBLY DELAYED

It Might be Accepted Even Though a Day or Two Late—If First Chief Fails to Act Favorably Commission Will Adjourn.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Although General Carranza had not replied tonight to the demand of the United States that he either ratify or repudiate the protocol drawn by the Mexican-American joint commission, the expiration of the time limit was not made the occasion for formally declaring the negotiations at an end.

While the time expired at midnight, officials were inclined to take into consideration that a reply might have been delayed and indicated that a favorable reply even though a day or more late, would not be rejected, inasmuch as adjustment of the international difficulties was the chief object.

Refusal to accept the terms of the agreement, under which American troops would be withdrawn from Chihuahua, means the closing of negotiations through the joint commission for adjustment of the questions at issue between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico. What effect the new situation then presented would have on the policy of the United States is not known, but it was said at the State Department today that any further move would be made through the usual channels and not by the commission, which for more than three months attempted to effect an amicable settlement.

Dr. John R. Mott, one of the American commissioners, conferred with Secretary Lane during the day and both expressed the hope that Carranza's reply would be favorable. The more general opinion among government officials, however, was that the Mexican executive would not alter his repeated declaration that the American troops must be withdrawn unconditionally and that any further discussion of international subjects could not take place while foreign troops "violated the sovereignty" of Mexico.

If Carranza persists in his refusal there will be nothing for the members of the joint commission to do but to hold one last conference to close up the record and say good-bye. Louis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican group, spent Christmas here, the guest of Ambassador Designate Arredondo, but was not in communication with the American chairman and returned last night to New York for the meeting with his colleagues today.

If a favorable answer finally is returned by Carranza the conferences will be resumed to discuss such subjects as the creation of an international court of claims, the treatment of foreigners, sanitation by co-operation of international forces, modifications in neutrality laws and other questions affecting the interests of the two countries.

Disruption of the commission would, it is believed, make very slim the chances of Carranza obtaining a loan, without which those high in his own government concede it will be almost impossible for him to continue the task of conducting an administration beset by organized bandits.

CABRERA SAYS NO LIMIT OF TIME FOR REPLY WAS SET

New York, Dec. 26.—Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation on the Mexican-American joint commission, said here late tonight that no time limit had been fixed for General Carranza either to accept or reject the protocol proposed by the Mexican-American conference at Atlantic City. There was no understanding during the sessions of the joint commission, he added, which gave the American commissioners authority to impose such a time limit.

General Carranza, Mr. Cabrera declared, would have ample time to consider what action he would take. Mr. Cabrera said he was surprised when informed that a reply was expected by the United States government today. He asserted that he had intended to take a vacation beginning tomorrow but that he had altered his plans and would remain here.

Up to a late hour tonight, Mr. Cabrera said, he had received no instructions from General Carranza. The relations between the United States and Mexico, he continued, are the same as when the tentative agreement was first signed by the commissioners at Atlantic City.

"Remember," said Mr. Cabrera, "that the next move in adjusting the relations between this committee and Mexico is not General Carranza's".

Questioned as to the significance of this statement, Mr. Cabrera would give no explanation. He said, however, that he knew nothing concerning General Carranza's attitude toward the American demand that he ratify or repudiate the protocol.

When the joint commission adjourned in November, Mr. Cabrera added, the understanding of the Mexican members was that the joint commission would meet on January 2, probably in New York or Philadelphia. Not one word, Mr. Cabrera declared, had been said in the session of the commissioners concerning a loan to Mexico. The call of the Mexican treasurer upon him in New York Sunday night was a social call only, he declared.

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WITH THE BOYS ON BORDER

Wilmington Soldiers Cheered by Receipt of Packages "From Home" —Engineers at Work

(Special Star Correspondence)

Field Headquarters Co. A, N. C. Engineers, Fort Bliss, Texas, Dec. 19.—When you strike a day like we have had today and you sit in your tent with the door closely tied and the dust covering everything like the drifting snow as the whole desert whirls relentlessly over your head hour after hour and the icy blasts of the "mild Texas winter weather" blow the smoke out of the wrong end of your stove until you have to put out your fire in self defense and shiver in the cold—it is then that you realize why soldiers desert.

But there is something right in the quartermaster's tent that tends to lend cheer against all odds and it isn't an easy matter to express our feelings in regard to the same.

There are three great big boxes still unopened from the Wilmington Red Cross and one from the W. L. I., and it's mighty good to be able to look at them and think we have been remembered and have a home town after all, and I may add that after this experience we know it's the best "home town" there is anywhere.

Perhaps we will be able to express our gratitude to those who have worked so unselfishly to put the merry part in Christmas for us, but I know they will never know just how we feel.

Half our outfit are working on the Santa Fe railroad down in the yards in El Paso, learning the art of track laying, and the superintendent of the El Paso district has complimented them very highly on the manner in which they have done their work. We hope they won't be too efficient on the job for if they are we will have to go over in Mexico to work on Pershing's line of communication which wouldn't suit us at all now for the pass word is "I want to go home."

Our mounted section will leave for a three-day trip in the mountains of New Mexico tomorrow. They will take the pack train and keep the object of their movement secret but there is no significance to the movement we suppose. Going to do some work for the border patrol, we suppose. The many movements homeward of the more lucky regiments has not lessened the guard up and down line and we are in no ways encouraged about returning.

While I am writing I hear a machine gun pumping away over beyond the fort (Bliss). It is 8 o'clock at night and rather a peculiar time for target practice as the wind is blowing a gale but I don't guess there is anything to it.

The people in this country are always impressing it on the soldiers that sooner or later they will have to do the clean-up job and we are almost ready to believe it ourselves. They think Villa the strong man who can hold the country in check and some even hint that Villa had nothing at all to do with the Columbus raid, but then you can hear anything you want to down here—only it never is so.

SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES IS URGED.

George F. Kunz Addresses Association for Advancement of Science.

New York, Dec. 26.—Preparedness for peace through scientific development of resources which would have to be employed in a war of defense by this nation, was outlined today by George F. Kunz, retiring vice president of the section on social and economic science, before delegates to the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"In the preparedness for peace," Mr. Kunz said, "we find a splendid field for the utilization of our projected museum of peaceful arts. If one of the great powers had spent $500,000,000 in technical and commercial schools, the present war would not have taken place and 20 times that amount would not have been expended. Co-operation and efficiency are the price of peace, and the secret of success in war."

SAN LOUIS POTOSI IS SAID TO BE OCCUPIED BY VILLA

Nothing Known of Many Foreigners Believed to Have Been in the Town

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 26.—A report was received late today by sources known to be close to Francisco Villa and by government agents saying that Villa's forces captured Sam Luis Potosi yesterday. Many foreigners who left Torreon before Villa attacked that town recently went to San Luis Potosi. No details were available.

San Luis Potosi is southeast of Torreon on the National railroad line between Aguas Calientes and Tampico. Tampico is believed to be Villa's objective in order to obtain a port through which he can import supplies. Villa was reported to be between Torreon and Chihuahua preparing to attack Chihuahua soon.

SENTRY KILLS PRIVATE.

Latter is Said to Have Attempted to Escape from Stockade.

Columbus, N. M., Dec. 26.—Private Albert A. Streigel, of the quartermaster corps, was shot and killed today by a sentry. Streigel had been confined to the stockade on a charge of disorderly conduct. He had been given permission to go to his tent for blankets and was being taken there when the sentry claimed Streigel attempted to escape. The sentry was said to have called to Streigel three times to halt and then fired.

A wind storm yesterday blew the roof from the military postoffice, partially destroyed the hangar being erected on the aviation field, and slightly damaged the army aeroplanes.

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Suits, Coats and Dresses Begins Today

Every Coat Suit in Our Department Now Reduced to Just 1-2 of Original Selling Price.

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$ 8.00 Serge Suits, now	$4.00
$12.50 Coat Suits, now	$6.25
$15.00 Coat Suits, now	$7.50
$20.00 Coat Suits, now	$10.00
$25.00 Coat Suits, now	$12.50
$27.50 Coat Suits, now	$13.75
$35.00 Coat Suits, now	$17.50
$40.00 Coat Suits, now	$20.00
$50.00 Coat Suits, now	$25.00

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$10.00 Dresses, now	$6.67
$15.00 Dresses, now	$10.00
$20.00 Dresses, now	$13.33
$25.00 Dresses, now	$16.67
$35.00 Dresses, now	$23.34

Coats Also Reduced 33⅓ %.

$ 6.00 Coats, reduced to	$4.00
$ 7.50 Coats, reduced to	$5.00
$10.00 Coats, reduced to	$6.67
$15.00 Coats, reduced to	$10.00
$20.00 Coats, reduced to	$13.33
$25.00 Coats, reduced to	$16.67
$35.00 Coats, reduced to	$23.34
$40.00 Coats, reduced to	$26.67
$45.00 Coats, reduced to	$30.00

BELK-WILLIAMS COMPANY

SPORTS

DOUBLE BILL FOR FRIDAY

Fritz Hanson Arranges Big Holiday Wrestling Festival for Next Friday—Italian Champion Coming

In order to assuage as much as possible the disappointment of the local wrestling fans at being unable to see John Olin, the newly crowned heavyweight champion of the world, who refuses to wrestle during the holidays, Fritz Hanson has arranged a double bill as a Christmas offering for Friday night.

Under this arrangement Fritz will tackle a Greek grappler named George Sarvos while Con Albright will be matched with Toney Massino, the Italian middleweight champion for the other attraction. The usual preliminaries will be dispensed with, so as to give ample time for the "Big Leaguers" to show their wares.

Massino is reputed to be a perfect specimen of physical manhood and is said to be now drawing down $1 an hour for posing for a Washington studio. Sarvos, to judge from his photographs, also looks like the goods, but little is known of his past record. Albright is classed as one of the cleverest of the present crop, and should give the Roman crack a tight run for his money.

Massino will have about 15 pounds the best of Albright in the weight question as he will enter the ring weighing in the neighborhood of 180 pounds while Albright will tip the beam at 165. Sarvos will also weigh 165, which is in the neighborhood of Fritz's own weight.

Olin positively refuses to work during the holiday season, but intimates that he would be glad to appear here later in the season. The Wilmington fans were eager to see the champion work against Tommy Draak, with whom he was matched for Friday. Draak's clean and clever style of wrestling, together with his fine sports manship, created quite a favorable impression on the local followers of the game when he defeated Olsen here several weeks ago. They will probably meet here at an early date.

"KITTY" BRANSFIELD NAMED AS NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRE

New York, Dec. 26.—William E. ("Kitty") Bransfield, former Pittsburg and Philadelphia National League player, has been appointed umpire by President Tener, of the National League, it was announced here late today. In 1916 he umpired in the International League.

GIBBONS ACCEPTS OFFER FOR FIGHT WITH LES DARCY

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—A local fight promoter announce dtoday receipt of a telegram from Mike Gibbons' manager at St. Paul, accepting an offer for a fight here during February with Les Darcy, Australian middle weight. A $15,000 purse was offered.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 26.—Miss Carolina Bogart, of the Elizabethtown and country club, defeated Miss Esther Tufts, of Boston, in two love sets for the women's St. Thomas tennis championship here today.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Greek Line steamship Patris with 600 passengers aboard, bound from Piraeus to New York, is detained by the British at Gibraltar, it was learned today from N. A. Galanos, local agent of the line.

TEUTONS CONTINUE TO MAKE ADVANCES

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while the Russian troops in Dobrudja have been driven into the extreme northwestern corner of the province.

FORBIDS SALE OF GERMAN SHIPPING SHARES ABROAD

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 26.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Bundesrath has forbidden the sale abroad of German shipping shares, the object being to prevent an undesirable foreign influence in German shipping.

RUSSIA DECIDES NOT TO FORCE MATTERS IN PERSIA

Washington, Dec. 26.—Information reached here today from Teheran, the capital of Persia, that Russia had decided not to force matters with that country, but to gain control there through slow processes designed to inspire less hostility than harsher measures. As another step in the military control of northern Persia, Russia has determined to form a force of Cossacks numbering 11,000 men under the command of 29 Russian officers, who have already been sent as organizers.

London, Dec. 26. — A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says preparations for the Hungarian coronation are almost completed, and that the indications are that the ceremony will be carried out with all the pomp of the days before the war.

INDEPENDENTS TO HOLD BALANCE IN ELECTING SPEAKER

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play unless he can have his own way.

"That is always one of the results of a very narrow margin of votes. But in the end I think the Republicans will have the good sense to all get together and act as a united party at least in the organization of the House."

Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, whom Gardner will support for speaker, had no comment to make on the situation.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Franz Bopp, German consul, today denied under cross examination during his trial with six associates for conspiracy to violate neutrality, that Captain Franz von Papen, former military attache of the German embassy at Washington, had financed or directed the alleged dynamiting attempts charged against the San Francisco consulate.

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Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.

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The Princess Street Store

Is located in the Garrell Building, at Second and Princess Streets, as in the past. Our stock is larger and our service better than ever before. The Prescription Department is in charge of a Licensed Pharmacist every hour of the day. The telephone number is 181. Theatre tickets are also on sale at this store. Theatre Telephone number, 182.

The Front Street Store

Is located at 117 North Front Street, the store formerly occupied by the Mathews' Confectionery, "Between the Royal and the Orton." The Prescription Department is in charge of a Licensed Pharmacist at all times, and the stock is complete in every way. The Telephone number of this store is 376.

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THEATRICAL

Tonight the Academy of Music presents the famous Waikiki Hawaiian Singers and Players, and judging from the brisk advance sale yesterday at Elvington's capacity crowd will witness the single performance given by this unique company of entertainers.

The repertoire of the Waikiki Hawaiian Players includes all the songs of Hawaiian sung in native tongue, many of the popular airs of this country and classical and operative numbers. The entire company appears in native Hawaiian dress, and is picturesque and beautiful in the extreme. The guitar solos of Mr. George Awai are most wonderful, and Mr. Jack Heleuhe is said to possess the most beautiful tenor voice in Hawaii, while Amy Awai is a native singer and player of note. Every member of the company is a soloist, either instrumental or vocal, and the ensemble work of the company is wonderful.

For those who cannot visit these beautiful South Sea Islands, have come the Waikiki players, bringing all the wistful beauty of their music, which seems to carry the American audience across the Pacific to those beautiful islands of the South Seas. The melodious and quaint strains of the songs and the accompaniment on native instruments with the peculiar sliding of the fingers on the strings, is plaintive and fascinating. It is the latest hit of the American stage, and Wilmington is fortunate in getting this great attraction, when the craze for them has just taken the whole country by storm. Seats can be reserved at Elvington's today.

World Series Today

Today the Victoria presents that great motion picture spectacle portrayed just as they were played, the great 1916 World Series baseball games between Boston and Brooklyn, the greatest feature of its kind which has ever been achieved in motion pictures.

Through new processes the games are made continuous and consecutive, and you will thrill as if you graced the grandstand as you watch first Boston and then Brooklyn put over the big plays which won the greatest title in the sport world for the Boston club. Marvelous close-up views which you did not think were possible on a baseball diamond, will reveal the inside dope on all the close and exciting base and field plays. You will be treated to a consecutive pictorial version of the games, and will see all these famous stars of the baseball firmanent in action for probably your only opportunity, today and tonight at the Victoria. The picture is in five reels, and covers every aspect of the entire series of games.

As an extra feature, Mr. Frank Bank will present during each performance, a superb vocal solo, "The Sunshine of Your Smile", which will come as added treat to the crowds.

Two performances only will be given, at 3:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m., and as many seats have already been sold by the members of the Wilmington Drum and Bugle corps, for which worthy benefit this show is to be given, it will be necessary for everyone to come early to get the good seats."

Another feature will be a great two reel Keystone comedy scream, "By Stork Delivery" making in all a great two hour entertainment.

"The Prince of Pilsen."

"The Prince of Pilsen,", the popular musical comedy claimed to be the most successful entertainment of its class shown in recent years, will be seen at the Academy, matinee and night on next Monday. There are more than a score of song hits in this remarkable masterpiece of Pixley and Luders' and each of them has held an enduring grasp upon public favor. "The Song of the Cities" is one of the most popular of the musical numbers. "The Message of the Violet," "The Tale of the Sea Shell," "The Stein Song," with its chorus of Heidelberg students, and "Pictures in Smoke," are other big song hits that largely contributed to the emphatic success of the musical play. One of the chief reasons for the continuously sustained interest in this production lies in the fact that it has not been allowed to deteriorate, but has been maintained at the highest possible notch of excellence. The performance this season is said to be keyed up to the standard, which is accepted as the final word in theatrical production. The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets will go on sale Friday morning at Elvington's Pharmacy.

"Joseph and His Brethren."

At stupendous expense the motion picture people have been able to stage an almost exact replica for the screen of the spectacular $100,000 stage production, "Joseph and His Brethren," and under the auspices of the Luther League this mammoth film spectacle will be presented at the Victoria theatre Friday of this week, for two performances, matinee and night. The atmosphere of Egypt and Palestine at the time when the world was young has been admirably preserved through this mammoth film, the story of the ages being revealed on the screen with masterful and mysterious touch of an artist.

The magnificent story of the ages, of pathos and heart interest, abounds: there is the deeply poignant grief of the old father when told the false story of Joseph's death under the lion's paw. Woven delicately are the strange means by which Joseph came into his own, his rare interpretative gift which enables him to penetrate the intangible realm of dreams. How his prophecy tells of life for one fellow captive and death for another, later brings him as an oracular power before Pharaoh himself. Of Joseph's explanation of the dream of the seven lean and seven fat cows, this is so widely and familiarly known as to have passed into common conversation.

And the lure of woman, wily, seductive, aflame with the illicit fires of passion, there is the unholy love of Zelikah, the wife of the mighty Egyptian captain. This is an entertainment for the people, and is for the benefit of the Salem, Va., Orphan's Home.

New Show at Royal.

Today the Royal will present a brand new show from top to bottom of the programme. The bill, of course, will be headed by that great vaudeville team, "Ward and Barton," the greatest single vaudeville act ever booked into Wilmington, and which has created a veritable sensation at every performance for the past two days. Answering curtain calls until they were completely exhausted has been the rule with every one of the six performances of Monday and Tuesday, and they will today present everything new, and a distinct novelty the like of which Wilmington amusement lovers have never seen before. They, alone, are well worth the price of admission and will undoubtedly draw capacity crowds today and tonight.

Arthur Hauk's Sunshine Girls Company will present today and tomorrow "Hiram at the Cabaret," a gay and giddy whirl of laughter and song, starring those inimitable characters, Teck Murdock, Barney Kleeber and Clarence Clidence, together with the all-star Sunshine Girls chorus. Specialties that are new and entertaining, bright and witty, will be introduced by the Musical Kings, the dainty Iris Sisters, inimitable Teck Murdock, laughable Barney Kleeber, Toots Murdock and the Berg Sisters.

Today's show is one continual round of specialty, singing and dancing acts. There is very little plot to the story—that is not needed, for the audience will not have time to bother with keeping up with a plot with this great show. Matinee this afternoon and two performances tonight will usher in this big song and dance show.

Clara Kimball Young—Grand.

Besides featuring one of the most popular stars on the screen today, Clara Kimball Young, the star of that great and magnificent production "The Common Law," today's great attraction at the Grand, a marvelous filmization of Owen Davis' famous book "Without a Soul," should be one of the largest attended productions ever put on at the Grand theatre. That the Grand is giving its patrons the very biggest possible attractions for the money is evidenced by this attraction coming right at this time, for the Victoria will present Miss Young's great eight-reel film version of Robert W. Chambers' story, "The Common Law" next Monday at higher prices.

Grand patrons today in "Without a Soul" will get one of the biggest pictures Miss Young made before leaving the World Film Corporation. According to the story "Lola" was a most modest and lovable girl—the bright ray in her father's life. Her father has previously perfected a machine which he claims can restore life to the dead. He proves the truth of his theories by bringing his daughter back to life, but without a soul.

The new Lola is the most avaricious and unfeeling creature conceivable. The life she proceeds to lead ruins her health. This time her father prefers her dead than as she was after he brought her back to this world. It is one of the most remarkable characters that has ever been put on the screen, and Clara Kimball Young has portrayed it with startling fidelity to every detail.

"Lass of the Lumberlands"—Bijou

Today at the Bijou, topping a grand outlay of great things in treat for their patrons, there will be presented the latest episode of that stirring and spectacular serial achievement, "A Lass of the Lumberlands," the startlingly realistic and thrilling serial in which the daring film heroine, Helen Holmes, is outdistancing anything she has previously done on the screen.

The settings of the big woods and thick forests, the gigantic lumbering industry, and the other spectacular settings for this great serial has indeed proven a welcome innovation, and is giving photoplay fans a needed rest from the overworked scenery that it is the usual custom to use for serial productions. Helen Holmes in the title role is a startlingly realistic portrayal of the daring girl of the big woods, doing and daring to try stunts at which the ordinary strong man would quail. You will miss a big treat if you miss today's big chapter of this mammoth serial achievement.

Another great feature on the bill at the Bijou today will be the second issue of the Universal Screen Magazine. If you saw the first chapter two weeks ago today, you know what to expect. It is the newest, most interesting and most entertaining of the screen innovations of the year, and should not be missed.

Then comes Gail Henry and William Franey in a great Joker comedy scream, "The Tramp Chef," a laughable comedy along new and original lines.

Clara Kimball Young
Direction of
WORLD FILM CORPORATION

Starring in "Without a Soul" at the Grand Today.

R. O. ALEXANDER SAYS EVERY ALLEGATION IS UNTRUE

Says Suit Against Music Festival Is Fabrication of Brain

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 26.—Concerning the suit started at Durham by Frank S. Westbrook against G. W. Hinshaw and H. D. Shutt of Winston-Salem and R. O. Alexander of Charlotte on account of the National Musical Festival of America, the Black Mountain project, Mr. R. O. Alexander said that in so far as he was concerned the suit was the veriest fabrication, the statements alleged in the complaint absolutely untrue and the entire matter evidently the vagary of a disordered brain.

"I am not nor have ever been an officer, director or anything else in the National Musical Festival of America", declared Mr. Alexander. "Judge Pritchard of Asheville is the head of the enterprise. I am frank to admit that when the enterprise was started, I wanted to be a director but was not elected and ever since I have had nothing to do with it, save in so far as I am interested in the furtherance of any good project. True, I believe they included me along with about 50 other citizens from all parts of the country on an advisory board, including such men as President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway, Bishop Horner, Editor Wade H. Harris and others, but this was purely a 'decorative' committee. It had absolutely nothing to do with the management. And in the light of these facts to be charged with having 'diverted it from its well intentioned objects' would be laughable if there was not a suit in the case. And as for seeking to promote 'real estate holdings of land speculators,' that is foolish in so far as I am concerned. I have property between Black Mountain and Montreat and had it many years before the music festival association was ever thought of. It was valuable long before the music festival was suggested and will continue to be. Of course, the talk of 'dummy' directors is foolish. I have had nothing to do with Frank S. Westbrook for a long time. And the strangeness of the present situation is further emphasized by the fact that Westbrook, who is now bringing this suit, was the moving spirit in the inception of the National Musical Festival Association and directed its general policy and he it was who refused to allow me to be a director at its beginning.

"I have not seen the complaint but every single statement in the charge, so far as I have been able to learn, is untrue."

WARSAW NEWS NOTES.

Auto Party Has Narrow Escape—Christmas Trains and Mails.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 26.—An automobile party, consisting of Messrs. Claude and Joe Best, Misses Reba Meador and Fannie and Aldine Best, miraculously escaped being hurt, when an automobile driven by Claude Best turned over while the party was en route from here to Goldsboro on Sunday. It is thought that the top of the machine being up saved the occupants from injury or death. The accident was caused by a derangement of the steering gear. The car was righted and the trip to Goldsboro completed in it, where it was left for repairs, and the return trip to Warsaw accomplished on the evening train.

A sure sign that Christmas was near was the late schedules on which all south-bound mail trains were run last week. On several days the Atlantic Coast Line train No. 49 was run in two sections, the passenger division arriving several hours late, and then an hour or two later the mail and express cars would show up. Sunday the mail section of this train, due to arrive here at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, made its appearance at 11 P. M.

The mails have been unusually heavy and all employes of the service have been taxed to the utmost and the local force of the postoffice deserves especial credit for the manner in which they handled the Christmas increase without extra help.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

Pursuant to a judgment of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in the matter of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company and George A. Grimsley, Trustee, vs. J. Hicks Bunting, et als., rendered at the December Term, 1916, of said Court, I will offer for sale to the Highest Bidder, for Cash, at the Court House door in Wilmington, N. C., on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1917, at 12 o'clock M., the following piece or parcel of real estate, situated in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and more specifically described as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning at a point in the Western line of Front street, where the same is intersected by the Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) Street, and running thence along the Western line of Front Street Southwardly 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Grace (or Mulberry) Street 100 feet; thence Northwardly and parallel with Front Street 33 feet to the Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) Street; and thence along the said Southern line of Grace (or Mulberry) street one hundred feet to the point of beginning, the same being a part of the Eastern half of Lot No. 1, Block 190, according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington.

Terms are Cash, on confirmation by the Court, and purchase is made subject to cancellation of all liens and approval of title.

This 23rd day of December, A. D. 1916.

J. O. CARR,
Commissioner.

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JUNIOR ORDER CORPORATION OF WILMINGTON IS CHARTERED

Whiteville Drug Company and Consumers Coal Company Also

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—Three new corporations chartered today include:

The Junior Order Corporation, of Wilmington, capital $20,000 authorized and $1,500 subscribed by the George Washington Council, W. H. Howell, Edmund Register, Jno. J. Blair, F. A. Lord, and others, especially for holding and developing property for a Junior Order building.

The Whiteville Drug Co., of Whiteville, capital $1,500 subscribed and $50,000 authorized, the incorporators including J. W. Wilson and others, for a general drug business.

Consumers Coal Co., of Winston-Salem, capital $50,000 authorized and $30,000 subscribed by W. A. Stone, E. P. Pratt and Lee Attman.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Business men of St. Paul and Minneapolis are completing the organization of a company to operate a line of barges between the twin cities and New Orleans, with stops at St. Louis and Memphis, according to information received here today.

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The Special Clearance Sale Continues All This Week

Yesterday Was a Busy Day Throughout the Entire Store We Offered Many Special Inducements and the Women of This City Were Not Slow in Taking Advantage of Them.

TODAY WE WILL PLACE ON SALE MANY OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE NOT MENTIONED IN YESTERDAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

SUITS AT ONE-HALF OFF.

Sweaters for Women, Misses and Children at Clearance Sale Prices

Today we place on sale the following at Special Prices:
$9.00 Sweaters for Women at $5.98
$5.50 Sweaters for Women at $3.98
$4.50 Sweaters for Women at $2.98

CHILDREN'S SWEATERS AT 20 PER CENT OFF.

Children's Middy Suits and Dresses in Blue Serge
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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Haven't you learned that sometimes we have to wait, that we can't always be going on? Just moor your soul at the landing place, and when the hour comes, you'll swing out into the current again. Much of the driftwood is only craft that broke away from the landing.

—MYRTLE REED.

One week from today—the Legislature.

Just another step on the perhaps long and rugged road toward peace!

Monday was Christmas Day. Yesterday was headache and hash day.

If we can't do it here ourselves, we are not apt to get others to come here and do it.

As soon as the war is over, history will repeat itself and then get into a dispute about it.

In this day of high priced meats don't let anybody sell you a "pig in the poke" at any price.

Maybe foresight consists of being scared to undertake something that calls for more nerve than foresight.

The price of rabbits has gone up to 20 cents, but our price remains the same as it was before the war—just one red cent.

Did Santa Claus' wife get what she thought was coming to her? Don't all speak at once—although, of course, Santa is no Mormon.

There is no longer ground for doubt that Germany is in earnest—even if one doubts that she wants peace except on her own terms.

Lots of Southern cities want a paper mill if somebody else will put their money in it, That is the reason they haven't any paper factory.

During the coming year don't try to get something for nothing for either yourself or Wilmington. It can't be done. It's the other fellow who always gets something for nothing.

Says the Memphis Commercial-Appeal: "In the last twenty-five years 543,000 people were killed by snakes in India". That indicates the danger of being in India without an effective remedy against snake bites.

Evidently official Germany does not share the view of those of its friends who have turned red in the face arguing that President Wilson's attitude toward the belligerents was unneutral, friendly to the Entente and inimicable to the Teutonic alliance.

We have an idea who is going to be chosen for speaker of the House, but we prefer to wait until next Wednesday morning to tell you. The candidates are H. A. Page, of Aberdeen; Walter-Murphy, of Salisbury, and Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville.

Let us hope that next Christmas will be the happiest that the world has seen since the first one. That is what it would be if the world events now transpiring should within the next twelve months bring about "on earth peace, good will toward men".

Another year of war and distress will be down and out in five days. Who cares? The world is sick of woe. Perhaps the new year will bring peace to the world. Let it come. People who are afraid of peace and imaginary depression are only the mercenaries who profit by war.

The railroads of the country having reached the "peak of their prosperity" during 1916, the Southern roads having been second only to the Eastern group, in the bounty of their earnings, according to the official figures from the Interstate Commerce Commission, it would appear to us that it was now about time they were restoring some of the trains taken off their schedules at the outbreak of the European war.

HARBINGERS OF PEACE.

The harbingers of peace are so persistent that we are convinced that the end of Europe's war will be in sight by mid-summer, at least. Germany merely sprung the question of peace on the 12th of December, without making a definite proposal, in lieu of which the Entente Allies seem to have been decidedly opposed to showing their hand till the Central Powers place a really definite proposition before the house. Both the Teutonic and the Entente powers are not disposed to be trapped, one by the other, but while this is the present aloof stage of peace proceedings, the situation is becoming clearer that peace of some kind is to be the outcome of Germany's initiative, as indefinite as it was.

According to The Star's Associated Press dispatches this morning, Germany has taken one more step which shows that she is in earnest. She now proposes to President Wilson the calling of a conference of the delegates of all belligerents before whom peace terms by both sides may be laid simultiations. Whether that proposition differences that may be found in either the Teutonic or the Entente propositions to be made as a basis for negotiations. Whether that proposition will suit the Entente powers or not, or whether President Wilson's proposition to refer simultaneous proposals to neutral third parties is to be looked upon with favor by either side, the signs of it all are so hopeful that it is safe to predict that the initiative finally will bring about a definite and satisfactory arrangement for bringing an end to the war.

It is quite evident that the financial centers of the world have taken the peace talk seriously. As soon as the German peace suggestion came out on the 12th of December, the financial district in New York took the hint. Not since then does there appear to have been any doubt on the New York exchanges that peace is assuredly on the way. The Japanese bourse immediately suspended, even showing more clearly that the sentiment in Japan was that peace now is not very far away.

New York already is adjusting herself to a peace basis, and one of the sure signs is that the industries which have been dependent upon protection heretofore are now loudly clamoring for a protective tariff to take care of them after the war. There is something frantic about the pressure they are now bringing to bear for protection. You can't fool them. They see peace and they are afraid of it. They have thrived on war but they are trembling at the prospect of peace.

The weekly letter of Henry Clews in yesterday's Star plainly indicates that the feeling and the trend in New York circles is towards confidence in early peace. In fact, the episodes of the operations in Wall Street recently are analyzed by Mr. Clews as pointing inevitably to the fact that "henceforth the world will be headed for peace, not destruction and organized murder."

The German proposition contained in The Star's dispatches this morning show that one more step has been taken towards an end that is bound to bring peace to the world once more. The preliminaries have begun and we predict that early in the new year a peace parley will materialize.

AMERICA BEHIND PRESIDENT WILSON.

The criticism that immediately greeted President Wilson's proposition to the European belligerents to submit peace proposals did not represent the humane sentiment of this country. Much was made of Secretary Lansing's effort to emphasize the President's demand on the belligerents and to interpret it so that the President's meaning could not be misunderstood. A large portion of the American press was particularly severe upon Mr. Lansing, whereas the real event was the almost peremptory demand upon all belligerents to show their hand.

The attacks upon Secretary Lansing momentarily detracted considerably from the significance of the President's communication to the belligerents, and really the outbreak of criticism in this country might have done serious hurt to the cause of peace, since it seemingly indicated to Europe that the administration did not have American sentiment behind it. It has always been this disposition on the part of some elements in this country that has made President Wilson's task a peculiarly hard one throughout the war. Nevertheless, the world understands now, for President Wilson's strokes have always been so masterful as to sweep away the impotent opposition that some misguided men have sprung. They soon find themselves without strong following, for the sentiment of the Nation soon lines up with the President. The sentiment thus described by the New York World indicates the source of the efforts in America to belittle peace movements:

"The richest of nations, profiting enormously by war, neutral in fact, if not in spirit, is it not time for the United States to recognize its duty to the afflicted in every belligerent land? We are hoarding or squandering our gains, while millions suffer and die. We are bewildered by the statistics of our prosperity, while whole nations and provinces are naked, hungry and diseased. We are piously estimating the wealth that one year or two years more of war may bring us, while a catastrophe embracing a whole continent and shameful alike to Christianity and civilization impends."

The World says "we are piously estimating the wealth that one or two more years of war will bring us," but "we" does not represent the American people. It means those who have been making fortunes out of the war and are loath to see a peace movement of any kind. We are exceedingly benevolent in contributing millions to relieve suffering in Europe, but the best benevolence we can display is to get behind President Wilson and secure peace for the war distracted peoples. Supposed mistakes or "bulls" at Washington are nothing compared with the real aim of the President to bring peace to the world. "America is behind the President regardless of the critics who butt in.

It is unbelievable that any large element in America would throw stumbling blocks in the way of peace. In fact, the New York American plainly indicates the source of such criticism, in what that paper said a few days ago:

"The big gamblers in stocks are very much annoyed by Mr. Wilson's peace activities. They feel that they should be consulted and have a chance to unload their war stocks on the little people before those little people know that peace is really coming—that it is here. The President sends to Europe a peace message that the whole world applauds. The Secretary of State explains that conditions have become intolerable, that we not only ask but demand peace.'

"Thereupon the stock gamblers send to all of the newspaper offices the statement that the Administration is gambling in stocks—anonymous accusations, of course. And a resolution is actually introduced in Congress requesting that stock gambling by higher Administration officials be investigated. It will be interesting to see what reply the Administration makes to the suggestion that peace should be delayed to suit the convenience of the big stock gamblers who want an opportunity—peace having taken them by surprise—to unload their stocks on the public.

"That peace is here, that the war is over, these big stock speculators well know. They realize that the closing of the Japanese stock exchange expresses the opinion of the Japanese government, which is one of the Allies, and knows whether peace is coming or not. But these big men of the stock gambling world feel that their interests are more important than peace, that the President should consult their gambling operations and not interfere with them, and they openly accuse his Administration.

"It is to be hoped that small investors will not allow themselves to be deceived. Not one of the really big serious men of finance would advise anybody to invest a dollar in speculation at this moment, with peace coming."

Indeed, that is a nice bunch to be so powerful that for a time they covertly used the newspapers to offset the influence of President Wilson's first effort to bring about peace. Europe may as well understand that they do not represent American sentiment outside of the clique that enriches itself on war and has been even more belligerent than any of the belligerents themselves.

TOO MUCH TRANSPORTATION FROM FAR OFF.

Too much transportation from far off and too much costly distribution with from two to three sets of middle men in between, is what is making living so high in the non-producing centers. Government officials have become convinced of it and the Washington Post quotes them as saying that the high cost of living rests in "simplifying the means of transportation of foodstuffs, the practice of economy by the public, increase in production by the farmer, and through other such methods, rather than by the prosecution of lawbreakers."

The farmers of the South have it in their own hands to relieve themselves and also to relieve Southern consumers. They can do it at a saving to themselves and Southern consumers as well. They can make money by doing it. They can save at least 20 to 30 per cent of the transportation charges, not to mention the cost of middle men who figure in this country's system of distribution. By raising food and feed stuffs in the South, so as to save transportation and distribution costs, is a simple way of settling what is beginning to be a problem.

People never stop to think how much of the cost of things represents freight charges. At a dinner in New York a few days ago, Mr. Charles M. Schwab, the steel magnate, said in a speech that "the cost of steel is (1) one-third labor; (2) one-third material and (3) one-third transportation."

Close investigation will show that people who buy feed and food stuffs brought here from afar are paying as much for transportation as they are for food or feed. Raising 20 cents cotton won't relieve the situation, so long as relatively high prices for farm supplies prevail. Even 50 cents cotton, with relatively high feed and foodstuffs, came very nearly impoverishing the South.

NO AFTER-THE-WAR DUMP FEARED

In spite of Mr. Charles M. Schwab's optimistic speech before the Lotus club in New York last Thursday night, Republican papers of wide influence go right on predicting that the American steel industry will be crushed by foreign competition after the war in Europe is over. They assert that Germany will soon regain her position as a formidable competitor, while England and France have learned during the war to make steel. All three, it is argued, will "dump" on America. Therefore, the protectionists urge protection and lots of it. Nevertheless, Mr. Schwab, America's greatest steel maker, declared in his speech:

"When our plan of improvements is completed the twenty-five component parts of Bethleham Steel will consist of only one part ordnance making. four parts shipbuilding and twenty parts for the manufacture of steel for commercial purposes. Bethlehem will have ceased to be primarily an ordnance-making corporation. Profits of war will have turned into implements of peace.

"When the war is over there will necessarily be a reduction in the demand for munition steel, and there will be some recession in steel prices generally. But the domestic demand for steel rails, for building and for numerous other purposes awaits only a more normal condition of trade to press forward for prompt satisfaction. Those domestic demands alone will absorb our steel capacity for many years.

"This country cannot stand still. The United States produced only 1,000,000 tons of steel in 1880, while this year 40,000,000 tons have been produced. When the United States Steel Corporation was formed fifteen years ago the annual steel production of the country was only 12,000,000 tons, and many believed that we were then at the zenith of the steel business. My own belief is that we are just as far from the zenith today as we were in 1901."

Mr. Schwab's speech is one of "sane confidence, based on knowledge", as the Baltimore Sun expresses it. When the munitions business stops, this country can engage in legitimate business, to the vast betterment of the people at large. At present they are helping to pay for the munitions business by means of the high prices that war necessarily entails on all people.

A PLEA FOR THE COLORED MAN.

What can be done to counteract the recent emigration of the working men of the South to the North, and what can be done to stem the contemplated and inevitable exodus that is to take place with the opening of spring?

This is the question that is being repeatedly asked within the last few months, and the tone of its suggests that there is an unwillingness on the part of the investigators to yield to the emigrants' determination or to the forces that drive them hence.

To be able to answer this question intelligently, certain sociological facts must first be determined and certain other preliminary questions answered.

The questions are these namely: Who are going—the desirable adjunct to society or the undesirable Can we afford to let either class go? Do they do us and themselves credit? What are the inducements offered, and how do these compare with opportunities at home? Are the men obliged to go?

It all depends upon the men's own social status and the degree of their civilization, their idea of life and the motives that would drive them from home. For a number of years the social condition of the south has been apparently static, and ab far as the negro is concerned there appeared to be little dissatisfaction; but this was merely a delusion. There is no real standing still in the social world or in the social mind. With the little or nothing that the negro receives he has up to this striven to keep soul and body together and patiently and good naturedly kept on his course, stopping every now and then to breathe a prayer for some better days—not once dreaming, however, that he would have to break away from his loved ones, his home and the sunny South that he loves so much, to find these better days, if at all they can be called better days.

Wilmington has a large number of such men—honest, large-hearted and true—true to the interests of Wilmington, their homes and churches, their schools and society at large. Press of circumstances and flattering offers have induced them to go North. Their taxes must be paid, their homes provided for, their children clothed and educated, their churches supported and in one form or another they owe some contribution to society. These obligations could not be met if they remained as they are, and until there is a change for the better, and until they learn to disregard their moral obligations, they are obliged to go.

Our argument is only on behalf of the desirable adjunct of our religious, social and economic life; the undesirables can well be spared with the one regret that they are sure to cast baneful reflections on our civic and social standard, and so viewing it from that point it were better to keep them at home also.

It is manifestly clear that no one is jubilant over the present state of affairs. It is distressing to the leaders of both races. The business men, farmers and mechanics hate it. Mothers, wives and children are lamenting. The churches are wearing their mourning apparel. The education of the negro youths trembles in the balance. What can be done? What is the remedy? Wilmington's men and women, Wilmington's municipality have the care, the panacea for Wilmington's ills.

We ask not for charity though we stand in need of charity now for our homes, many of them lack the necessities of life; our children are destitute of proper clothing and must stay away from school and church; our old folks are half sheltered and half fed, but in spite of all this, we ask not for charity. Only give our men something to do, regular employment and pay them a living wage and we pledge you the faithful services of the men whose cause we plead.

There are two ways, possibly among others, by which employment could be afforded, one being by the city and the other by private enterprise.

Many of the streets, north, south and east—some of them popular streets, need fixing. These could give employment to scores of men for many months, and we agree with such men as Mr. D. L. Gore that all permanent improvements of the city and suburbs should be done by issuing bonds, leaving a part of the responsibility for the younger generations to assume. We would discountenance the "contract system" in public work.

Private enterprise may take the nature of a shirt or hosiery factory for the employment of men, women and girls, and some other factory expressly for men. It is not for us to dictate, but suppose, for instance, two or three building and loan associations were to co-operate and build a factory and employ from 100 to 200 men with the understanding that each employe take at least one share in one or the other of the associations. If this were done, there is no doubt that it would prove very helpful to all parties concerned and go a long way towards solving the present problems.

The colored people through the Civic Improvement League stand ready to co-operate with any movement that our white friends may deem fit to launch.

A. J. WILSON,
J. C. SCARBOROUGH,
J. H. RHOE,
D. C. VIRGO.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The census report shows, as it should show, that no city in the state has yet come within serious distance of Charlotte as the largest in North Carolina. The findings of the bureau indicate that the population here is approximately 40,000, to which, of course, must be added several thousand more who are within the city but not included within the corporate limits. The report of the census taker makes it plain that the claim for a population of 50,000 here is not unjustly founded and that the other cities in the state, and they show, too, a remarkable and encouraging growth, can not hope yet to overtake the rapid pace that has been set here—Charlotte News.

"We feel now," says the Hickory Record, "as if we would be glad to support a Tar Heel paper mill under any circumstances, even to paying half a cent more than the market price, under normal conditions for the newsprint, if that would be any inducement. All the papers working together could build up a great industry in North Carolina." Let us try changing the verb. "All the papers working together can." That seems to bring it nearer. Peace is just now a stronger prospect than it has been at any time since the war began. But the possibility of a beginning toward peace, or even the imminence of peace, should not for a moment be considered by the papers as a controlling factor. We have all preached volubly and preached volumes about building up home industries. It is time for us to begin practice, thus proving to the state that we are not mere visionaries and theorists. Nothing could lend more power to our future preachments.—Greensboro News.

Washington Dec. 26.—A proposed increased of 24 cents a ton in the freight rate on coal from fields along the Chesapeake and Ohio railway to Washington were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission until May 1.

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BIENNIAL MEETING OF WOODMEN OF WORLD

Wilmington Members Anticipating the Event at New Bern.

Past Head Consul Geo. C. Jackson and Treasurer J. W. Fleet Will Head Local Delegation—Candidates Are Active.

Members of the Woodmen of the World, of Eastern Carolina, and the members of the order in Wilmington particularly, are looking forward with much pleasure to the fifth biennial convention of the head camp of Jurisdiction "W", which convenes in New Bern in March. Jurisdiction "W" comprises the entire State, in which there are approximately 25,000 members.

There will be six delegates elected from Live Oak Camp No. 6, of Wilmington, who will attend the convention at New Bern in addition to Sheriff Geo. C. Jackson and Mr. J. W. Fleet, who are among the highest ranking Woodmen in the State. Mr. Jackson is past head consul of the State camp, and was sovereign delegate last year to the National convention at St. Paul, Minn. He has been a prominent figure at both State and National gatherings of the Woodmen for the past 18 years. Mr. Fleet is head banker, which office corresponds to a State treasurer for the order.

To Elect Delegates.

Sheriff Jackson stated yesterday that the main business which would come before the convention would be the election of delegates to the Sovereign Camp, which convenes at Atlanta, Ga., in June. The six delegates from the local camp to the State convention will be chosen early in February, he stated.

Although the convention is three months off, much interest is being manifested by the different camps of the order in Eastern Carolina in regard to the election of delegates. Camps with 20 members are entitled to one delegate, and one additional delegate for each 75 additional members, or fraction thereof, over and above the first twenty.

State Officers.

The second Tuesday in March, which is March 13, is the date of the convention, and the head camp is in session two days and two nights. The present head camp officers are T. A. Windley, junior past head consul, Trenton; George P. Wise, head consul, Greensboro; V. E. Grant, head adviser, Hendersonville; J. W. Fleet, head banker, Wilmington; J. Harvey Dorton, head clerk, Concord; Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, head escort, Morehead City; John E. Gilmore, head watchman, Lumberton; Zeb. C. Cummings, head sentry, Tarboro. Board of head managers: W. A. Short, chairman, Matthews; G. W. Cox, Rseford; H. O. Sapp, Winston-Salem; Dr. T. A. Grigg, Shelby; J. H. Patterson, Charlotte. Delegates to Sovereign Camp: Col. B. S. Royster, Oxford; George C. Jackson, Wilmington; S. C. Bryant, Durham.

In connection with head camp convention, it might be stated that two Western North Carolinians are slated as candidates for high offices when the meeting is called to order in New Bern. V. E. Grant, of Hendersonville, the present head adviser, will be a candidate for head consul, the highest office attainable. G. L. Herman, of Asheville, will be a candidate for the office of head clerk. At the meeting of the Western North Carolina Log Rolling association, held at Waynesville, on October 31, resolutions endorsing these two men for the respective offices were drawn up, and the delegation that goes from Western North Carolina are preparing themselves for a strong fight for their candidates, should a strong fight be necessary.

MR. GEORGE H. HUTAFF WINS THE FIRST PRIZE.

Caught Largest Fish of Season in New Hanover Fishing Club Contest.

The prize for the largest channel bass caught during the season of 1916 by any member of the New Hanover Fishing Club was won by Mr. George H. Hutaff with a catch that weighed 41 pounds and ten ounces. This fish was caught in July. Mr. Hutaff landed several other big ones and really had the prize cinched but there were others who ran him a close race.

Mr. Hutaff wishes to thank the New Hanover Fishing Club for the handsome cup awarded to him yesterday and also to J. H. Rehder & Co., for the fisherman's suit as well as to Meiselbach Bros. for reel, which were the prizes for the largest catch of the season.

The prize fish landed by Mr. Hutaff was caught at Mason's Inlet.

DR. GORDON TO SPEAK.

Prominent New York Author and Speaker to Make Address.

An address of much interest on the "Ideals of Judaism" will be delivered tonight at 8 o'clock at the Y. M. H. A. on the third floor of the David building on North Front street, by Dr. J. B. Gordon, of New York, a prominent writer and speaker, who is connected with the American Jewish Chronicle. Dr. Gordan has recently returned from the war zone in Europe.

Mr. Philip Olarsh will also speak at the meeting. All are invited to hear these addresses.

COUNTY CONVICTS RETURN

Trusties Paroled for Christmas Are Faithful to Their Trust

Everyone of the 16 New Hanover county convicts, who were paroled for Christmas, at the request of Governor Craig, returned to the stockade yesterday according to Superintendent F. M. Rivenbark. This custom was originated by Governor Craig last year and ten convicts from New Hanover county were permitted to spend Christmas with their families, and everyone returned. This year the number was slightly increased and again the prisoners have proved faithful to their trusts.

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INSTITUTION SERVICE TODAY

Rev. R. E. Gribbin Will Be Instituted as Rector of St. John's Church This Morning—Bishop to Officiate

The first public institution of an Episcopal rector in Wilmington for the past several years will take place at St. John's Episcopal church this morning when Rev. R. E. Gribbin will be instituted as rector of the parish of St. John's. Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of the Diocese of East Carolina, will officiate and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. William H. Milton, rector of St. James' church, assisted by other clergy of the city.

The services will begin at 10 o'clock and will be particularly impressive. This is one of the most beautiful rituals observed by the Episcopalians, and coming as it does on St. John's Day, and almost on the second anniversary of Bishop Darst's consecration, it will be of especial interest.

Rev. Mr. Gribbin came to St. John's several weeks ago from St. Luke's church in Atlanta, to succeed Rev. William E. Cox, who accepted a call to Richmond. He has already made many friends in the city, both among his parishioners and among the communications of other churches. The people of the city are cordially invited to attend these services.

SCHR. GRAMPUS PLACED ON MARINE RAILWAY FOR REPAIRS

Vessel to be Made Seaworthy Preparatory to Sailing for Gulf.

Preparatory to sailing for the Gulf of Mexico to make an investigation of the fishery resources of that body of water, the schooner Grampus was placed on the marine railway of the Wilmington Iron Works yesterday in order to enable the workmen to ascertain what additional repairs are necessary to put the vessel in a seaworthy condition.

The Kanised, the $50,000 yacht of Mr. Louis Kahn, of Baltimore, Md., which went on the marine railway several days ago for repairs, has had this work completed and is off the railway again. The Sheerwater, belonging to a wealthy Jersey man, went on the railway along with the Grampus. She was damaged a few days ago when she gent aground on the shoals near Bald Head Island.

The Grampus, which came to local waters at the request of State Fisheries Commissioner E. H. Freeman, of this city, made the discovery several days ago of important sea bass banks near the mouth of the Cape Fear river, or, to be more exact, in the vicinity of Bald Head island. She is a wooden vessel and has seen some 30 years of service at sea. Some of her timbers have practically rotted away, making it essential that she should undergo extensive repairs.

Her investigations have covered practically the entire Atlantic coast, and in view of the important results obtained in the brief investigation conducted in local waters, Commissioner Freeman requested that the Federal Bureau of Fisheries extend the period allotted for the local investigation, but Dr. H. M. Smith, head of the Federal Bureau, replied that the bureau had definitely committed itself to the conduct of the investigation of the fishery resources in the Gulf of Mexico, which has already been unduly postponed. He added that to comply with Mr. Freeman's request would necessitate the sacrifice of prior obligations and disappoint those interested in the gulf investigation.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT

Many Fines and Costs Imposed at Yesterday's Session

That Christmas does not always bring peace on earth and good will toward men, is the firm belief of ten or more offenders who were summoned to appear before Recorder George Harriss at yesterday morning's session of court to answer to various misdemeanors committed during the holiday season. The worst part of it was that most of them had spent all their surplus cash for their yuletide joy, so in nearly every case where costs were imposed, the defendant had to take a road term in default.

The only white man before the Recorder was Mr. R. H. Lewis who paid the costs for a violation of the driving ordinance.

The other cases disposed of were: Wesley Purdy, firing pistol within city limits, sentenced to 30 days in default of costs, Thurmon Britow, firing pistol within city limits, paid the costs; Lester Cromartie, firing pistol within the city limits, paid the costs; Mose Scott, carrying concealed weapon, nol pros; Thurmon Bristow, carrying concealed weapon, fined $10 and costs; Robert Howe, carrying concealed weapons, pleaded guilty and went to the roads for 60 days in default of $10 and costs; Wesley Purdy, carrying concealed weapons, 60 days in default of $10 and costs; Frank Kelly, alias Frank Robertson, assault on a female, three months in default of $25 and costs; David Epps, disorderly conduct, $10 and costs; Clarence Howard, reckless driving $10 and costs.

GOES TO BIRMINGHAM.

Mr. R. D. Voshall, Master Mechanic for Tidewater Power Co., Resigns.

Mr. R. D. Voshall, master mechanic for the Tidewater Power Company for the last eight and a half years, will leave Thursday for Birmingham, Ala., where he will accept a position as superintendent of equipment for the Birmingham Railway, Light & Power Co. Mr. Voshall has made a most efficient man for the Tidewater and his new position comes as a promotion. His successor has not yet been announced, but the appointment will be made within a few days.

Mr. Voshall's many friends, while regretting that he is leaving the city, will wish for him the greatest success in his larger field of work. His family will move to Birmingham in the near future.

Sunday School Attendance.

Several Wilmington Sunday schools have made reports of their attendance on last Sunday, which show a splendid record in view of the fact that it was a holiday occasion. Those making reports were: Delgado Baptist, 172; Calvary Baptist, 126; First Baptist, 337; First Presbyterian, 216; Delgado Presbyterian, 138; St. Andrew's, 160; Pearsall Memorial, 62; Immanuel Presbyterian, 209.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF MEDICAL SOCIETY

War Hospital Surgical Triumphs to be Shown on Screen.

Third District Convention Will be Held at Victoria Theatre on January 3. Elaborate Programme is Arranged for Event.

The semi-annual convention of the Third District Medical Society, which will meet at 2 P. M. in the Victoria Theatre at Wilmington on January 3, will be featured by moving picture films taken in European war hospitals which show in detail some of the most wonderful of the operations which are being performed by world-famous surgeons in restoring the unfortunate victims of the war by grafting new features where they have suffered such losses.

The society includes in its membership some 75 physicians and surgeons and comprises in its territory the counties of New Hanover, Columbus, Harnett, Brunswick, Bladen, Robeson and Cumberland. Letters have been sent out to all the leading physicians of Eastern Carolina inviting them to attend by Dr. Thos. M. Green, president of the society, and Dr. J. D. Sidbury, secretary-treasurer. Admission to the theatre will be by card only, and only physicians will be allowed to attend.

In addition to the motion pictures, which were taken with the camera directly over the subject operated on and hence show the operation in detail, an elaborate programme of addresses and reports will be made on interesting cases by prominent physicians.

Dr. Green stated last night to a Star man that he had been informed by a physician who has seen the pictures that they are unlike anything of the kind hitherto taken as they show every motion of the operating surgeons and just what he is doing to the patient. Most films which have been made in the past, he said, gave only a hazy idea of the processes of the operation, while the present film is taken with the camera directly over the patient and gives the person almost as good an idea of it as if he had assisted at the operation.

Use Rib for Jaw.

Dr. Green added that owing to war conditions which wreck the bodies of many of its victims and cause them to lose one or more features, the American and European surgeons were performing some wonderful operations in the way of providing their patients with new lower jaws, new ears and the like. In making a new jaw for a subject, Dr. Green stated, that most people could spare a rib easily and that this was bent and placed in position, while the necessary flesh was secured from a convenient portion of the patient's body and grafted on to the bent rib. Similar grafts of ears and noses are also made.

The letter which has been sent out to physicians throughout Eastern Carolina by Drs. Green and Sidbury reads in part as follows:

"It gives us pleasure to announce that we have been able to secure moving picture films, taken in European war hospitals, of conditions cited, showing methods of operating and treatment instituted by some of the leading physicians and surgeons of the world. Many of these conditions are new to our profession, picturing the horrors of modern war.

"The regular time for our December meeting was postponed in order to secure this most interesting and instructiv motion picture—showing in detail the actual steps of the operative procedure of these wonderful men and how the profession is overcoming these horrors and restoring such unfortunates to their places in the world. A short meeting will be held prior to this exhibition and several interesting papers read and discussed."

Programme.

"The Newer Conceptions of Heart Disease"—Dr. Edward J. Wood, Wilmington.

"Uses of Pituitary Extract in Obstetrics"—Dr. Chas. P. Bolles, Wilmington.

Report of Case—Dr. L. D. Bryan, Snead's Ferry, N. C.

"Retroperitoneal Hernia with Report of Case"—Dr. Jos. W. Hooper, Wilmington.

"Tetanus—Report of Three Cured Cases"—Dr. Andrew H. Harriss, Wilmington.

Motion Picture Film.

Dr. Alexis Carrel demonstrating his latest methods, at the Hospital Royal at Compiegne.

Plastic Surgery of the Face and Jaw, by Dr. Pont at Lyon.

Re-Education Center at Vizille (showing corrective exercises devised especially for the cure of functional nervous conditions contracted in trenches).

Extraction of a Shrapnel Ball from the Region of the Heart, by Prof. O. Laurent at the Grand Palais.

Functional conditions contracted from life in the trenches. A common result of the exposure and nerve strain of trench life.

American method of Bone Grafting as performed in European War Hospitals by Dr. Fred H. Albee, of New York.

DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT ST. MATHEWS LUTHERAN

Sunday School "Remembers" Pastor and Superintendent

Very interesting Christmas services held by the Sunday school of St. Mathews Lutheran church last night were quite largely attended and proved most enjoyable to all those present. In addition to special music by the church choir, there were recitations and hymns appropriate to the season rendered by the children of the Sunday school and a short address by the pastor, Rev. G. W. McClanahan. The center of attraction was the very large and beautiful Christmas tree. The brilliant lights were turned on the tree during the singing of "Silent Night".

A delightful feature not on the announced programme was the presentation by the Sunday school of a beautiful tie clasp to the superintendent, Mr. W. W. Koch, and of an elegant serving table to Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan.

ASKS $5,000 AS DEATH CLAIM

Proceedings for Recovery of That Amount Instituted in Superior Court for Death of Boy.

Proceedings for the recovery of $5,000 as a death claim in the case of Boyd Jackson, administrator of Emit Edwards, against Mr. J. N. Bryant were instituted yesterday afternoon by the filing of the complaint in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court. Judge E. K. Bryan and R. T. Bryan, Esq., represent the plaintiff in the case.

It is alleged in the complaint that the plaintiff's intestate, Emit Edwards, an 18-year-old colored boy, was employed by the defendant at his saw mill in the city of Wilmington and while at work operating an edger machine on or about November 24th, was knocked in the abdomen with a board or piece of lumber which was kicked back from the machine while running, that the force of the blow ruptured Edwards' intestines and that the latter died as a result of these injuries on November 24th.

The complaint further avers that on November 24th, Emit Edwards, late of New Hanover county, died intestate, and that on December 26th, the plaintiff was appointed by Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of the Superior Court, as administrator.

It is also alleged that the plaintiff's intestate was employed at first as a slabman at the rate of $1.25 a day at Mr. Bryan's saw mill, and his work in this connection consisted of removing slabs as they came from the mill; that he was later transferred to more hazardous work on the edger machine; that he was a green and inexperienced hand, and through the alleged negligence of the defendant was not cautioned concerning the dangerous character of this work.

MRS. W. P. MONROE PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY LAST NIGHT

Wife of Lieutenant Monroe Suffered Attack of Heart Trouble.

Within 40 minutes after she was suddenly stricken with an attack of heart trouble at 9:30 o'clock last night, Mrs. Monroe, wife of Lieut. W. P. Monroe, passed away at her home, No. 410 South Fourth street. Mrs. Monroe had expected to go out during the evening but finally decided to remain at home. While she had been suffering from an attack of the same trouble several weeks ago, she had apparently entirely recovered and the sudden end came as a great shock to members of the family and a host of friends in the city.

Surviving Mrs. Monroe besides her husband, who is with the Second Regiment of North Carolina troops at El Paso, are three children, Messrs. William G. Monroe and James C. Monroe and Miss Jessie Mae Monroe, all of this city; her mother, Mrs. J. M. Thompson, of Watertown, Wis., and two sisters, Mrs. H. K. Galpin, of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. E. B. Roberts, of Watertown, Wis. The members of the bereaved family will have the tender sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

The deceased was a faithful member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and was a woman greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was a native of Watertown, Wis., but came to Wilmington shortly after her marriage. She was 48 years old.

The funeral and interment will be in Wilmington but the time will not be determined until the family can get in touch with Lieutenant Monroe. He had not been heard from at a late hour last night. On account of the great distance it may not be possible for him to reach Wilmington in time to attend the funeral. He has been on the Mexican border since early in the fall, having been given a leave of absence by the city from his position as assistant chief of the fire department in order to go with his regiment when the call to the colors was made by the President early last summer.

MR. R. T. RIVENBARK DIED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING

Prominent Willard Citizen Passes at Ripe Old Age—Funeral Today.

Mr. Robert T. Rivenbark, of Willard, one of the most prominent citizens of the community, passed away at his home shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Rivenbark was taken ill just after enjoying his Christmas dinner with his children and grandchildren at their old home. He was 76 years old.

Although he had been retired from active business for some years, Mr. Rivenbark was formerly postmaster and agent for the Atlantic Coast Line at Willard. He was a member of the First Baptist church and of St. John's Masonic Lodge, of Burgaw.

Mr. Rivenbark is survived by three daughters, Mrs. T. G. Covington, of Clio, S. C.; Mrs. T. J. Joyner, of Lakeland, Fla., and Mrs. C. D. McGowan, of Willard; four sons, Messrs. R. J. Rivenbark, freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line at Jacksonville, Fla.; J. W. Rivenbark, Jr., also of Jacksonville; D. Y. Rivenbark, of Clio, S. C., and Council Rivenbark, of Willard. Four grandchildren, Misses Edith and Louise Walker, Messrs. A. M. Walker and W. A. Walker, Jr., two nephews, Dr. G. H. Croom and Mr. A. B. Croom, Jr., and three nieces, Misses Jennie, Mary and Bettie Rivenbark, reside in Wilmington.

Funeral services will be held today from the home.

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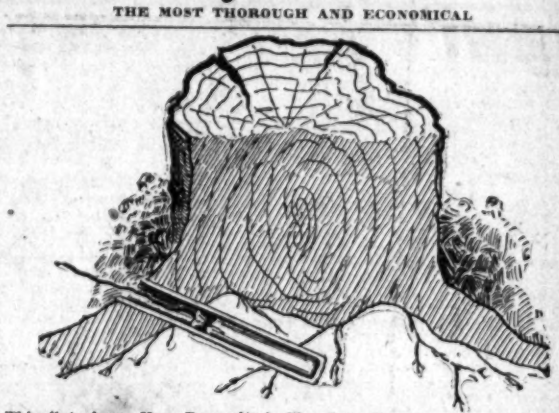

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Fanny Northrop is visiting Miss Dorothy Simmons at Goldsboro this week.

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Miss Josephine Harriss is spending several days in Warsaw on a visit to friends.

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Miss Minnie Thorpe, of Jacksonville, N. C., is visiting her sister, Miss Lottie Thorpe.

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Miss Alberta Batson is visiting Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Herring at Mt. Olive this week.

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Miss Goldie Kaminsky is visiting at Kingstree and Manning, S. C., during the holidays.

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Miss Julia May Roberts, of Goldsboro, is visiting Miss May Grant on the Carolina Beach road.

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Miss Ruth Jones, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, has returned to Lumberton.

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Miss Inez Wilkes, of Chadbourn, is spending the holidays with Mrs. C. G. VanLandingham, No. 11 Wrightsville avenue, Carolina Place.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Miss Mary Johnson, of Wilmington, was in the city yesterday en route to visit in Greensboro."

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Warshauer are spending some time with Mrs. Warshauer's sister, Mrs. David Silverman, at Kingstree, S. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McKenzie, of Hopewell, Va., are spending the holidays with Mr. McKenzie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. McKenzie.

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Mr. W. Kenneth McKenzie, of Raleigh, is spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. McKenzie, of this city.

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Miss Winnie Lamond, of Goldsboro, is in the city spending the holidays with her sisters, Mrs. J. Thomas King and Mrs. Robert Hunt.

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Miss Celia Herring and Mr. Gordon Herring, of Mt. Olive, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Herring at their home on Masonboro Sound.

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Miss Joyce Jones, a member of the faculty of the Union school, left yesterday for Newton, N. C., to spend some time with her grandmother, Mrs. Geo. W. Cochrane.

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The annual Christmas dance of L'Arioso German Club will be given this evening at the Boys' Brigade armory. This will be one of the most brilliant social events of th holiday season in Wilmington.

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The many friends of Mr. W. M. Parsley, an old Wilmington boy now engaged in manufacturing at Rutherfordton, N. C., were delighted to have him with them for the holidays. He returned on the Seaboard Air Line this morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Griffin spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caddell, of Wake Forest. Mr. Griffin returned to the city yesterday but Mrs. Griffin will remain for some days yet.

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A wedding of much interest to Wilmington friends will take place this evening at LeRoy, N. Y., when Miss Grace Logan and Mr. Heman S. Shaw will be married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilbert Logan.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch, of Portsmouth, Va., formerly of Wilmington, are in the city visiting Mrs. Guilford Horne, on Red Cross street, mother of Mrs. Lynch, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lynch, on North Third street, father and mother of Mr. Lynch.

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Midshipman G. Latham Harriss, U. S. N., who spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Maj. and Mrs. W. N. Harriss, has returned to Annapolis. He was accompanied by Midshipman Vernon Grant, of Mississippi, who was his guest while here.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lendemuth and son, Robert, formerly of Chattanooga, Tenn., are visiting Inspector and Mrs. Harry L. Shaffer, No. 412 Chestnut street, Mr. and Mrs. Lendemuth will make their future home in York, Pa., for which place they will leave Wednesday evening.

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McCAUSLEY-JACKSON WEDDING TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT.

Miss Effie McCausley, daughter of Mrs. Winnie McCausley, of this city, and Mr. Jno. W. Jackson, of Norfolk, were married last night at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. J. R. Mathews, on North Third street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jackson left for Norfolk, Va., where they will make their future home. The groom is a machinist in the employ of the Old Dominion Marine Railway at Norfolk.

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DANCE GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS RUTH SMITH'S DEBUT

One of the largest and most enjoyable dances of the season in Wilmington was given last evening at the Cape Fear Country Club in honor of the debut into society of Miss Ruth Stuart Smith, daughter of Mr. Robert E. Smith. There were more than 100 couples in attendance and dancing continued until early morning. A delightful midnight luncheon was served. Music was furnished by Grainger's orchestra. The club house was attractively decorated for the occasion.

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MANY VISITORS AT BURGAW FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 26.—Christmas at Burgaw was very quiet. The merchants all seem to have done a rushing business before Christmas. There was no drunkennes or disorderly conduct. This much can be said for prohibition: It certainly makes sober towns.

Among the college students at home here for the holidays are: Misses Mary Miller Johnson, from Red Springs; Julia May Johnson, from State Normal; Dorothy Bland, from Meredith; Margaret Crowell, from Farmville, Va., and Messrs. Graham Barden, from the University; Gray Stokes, from the A. & M. and Dana Bowen, from Columbia, S. C.

Visitors to Burgaw for the holidays included the following: Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Perkins, Albemarle, at the home of Mr. R. I. Durham; Mrs. J. T. Crutchfield and children, of Rutherfordton, at the home of Mr. J. T. Bland, Sr.; Mrs. Mariah Williams, of Mt. Olive, at the home of Mr. J. T. Bland, Jr.; Mrs. Rampey, of Columbia, at the home of Mrs. Myers; Dr. J. J. McCullen and wife, of Marion, S. C., at the home of Mr. C. E. McCullen; two Misses Brett, of Red Springs, at the home of Mr. C. E. McCullen; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rivenbark, of Hopewell, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Austin McLendon, of Columbia, S. C., at the home of Mr. A. H. McLendon.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mr. A. H. Paddison, at which the following members of the family and friends were present: Mrs. H. Overstreet, of Hopewell, Va.; Mrs. R. W. Turner, of Monbo, N. C.; Messrs. R. H. Paddison, of New York; A. H. Paddison, Jr., of Newport News, Va.; Geo. L. Paddison, of North Carolina, and E. G. Paddison, of Hopewell, Va.; Miss Susie Dickson, of Raeford; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pretlow and boys, of Point Caswell.

The young folks are going to have a Christmas dance here Wednesday night and, with Whitlock's band to furnish the music, they are looking for a good time.

Miss Ruth Moore, who is a member of the faculty of Warsaw high school, is spending the holidays with her family here.———Miss Douglass Hand, of Selma high school faculty, is at home for the holidays.———Miss Lizzie Belle Brown, who has a position as stenographer in Georgia, is spending the holidays with her parents near Burgaw.———Miss Lillie Margolis, of Wallace, is visiting the family of Mr. H. Margolis.———Mr. J. J. Bowen, Jr., of Warsaw, is visiting his father———Miss Annie Herring, of Currie, is visiting her father, Mr. J. T. Herring.———Mr. Moseley Faison, of Warsaw, is visiting friends here.

FIRE ENGINE FURNISHED HEAT WHEN FURNACES WERE DISABLED

Carolina Apartments Were Chilled Until Firemen Arrived.

The local fire department changed from fire fighters to fire builders yesterday afternoon, when Chief Schniben was called on to furnish heat for the Carolina Apartment House at Fifth and Market streets, after the furnace engines belonging to the apartments had been blown out.

The firemen installed one of their big engines in an alcove on the Fifth street side of the building and by means of pipes connected with the heating equipment of the building were able to pump steam into the pipes and thus warm the entire structure.

It will be necessary to order the damaged parts of the heating apparatus from Massachusetts, and it will probably be some ten days before the furnace will be able to furnish heat again and as the installation of oil stoves in an apartment house of this size is considered a dangerous procedure from the firemen's point of view, it is likely that the engine will be on duty for some time.

SALVATION ARMY HAD BIG CHRISTMAS TREE LAST NIGHT

Three Hundred Children Made Happy by Presentation of Gifts.

Over 300 little hearts were made happy at the Salvation Army headquarters near Front and Dock streets last night when the Army's annual Christmas tree exercises were held. Three hundred tickets were distributed and a number of others were served who had no tickets.

Mr. William H. Sprunt made a few remarks, appropriate to the occasion, and assisted in delivering the presents. A bevy of young women from Mr. Sprunt's Bible class at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church also assisted in this work. The decoration of the hall was in charge of Mrs. Cuthbert Martin.

The hall was filled to capacity and many were forced to throng on the steps leading up from the street. Adjutant Yates stated last night that more commodious quarters would have to be secured before another Christmas.

MR. PARHAM PROMOTED.

To Be Superintendent of Lynchburg Fertilizer Plant

Mr. M. T. Parham, who for the past several years been acid maker at the Navassa plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, has been promoted to the superintendency of the company's plant at Lynchburg, effective January 1, 1917.

Mr. Parham is a young man of sterling qualities, and his many friends in Wilmington have no doubt that he will make good in his new field of endeavor. The Lynchburg plant is one of the largest in Virginia, Mrs. Parham will visit in Cincinnati, and later join her husband in Lynchburg.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

To Be Given Tonight by First Baptist Sunday School

The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church will be given tonight at 8 o'clock in the Sunday school room. All members of the church and school are urged to be present. Other friends will be welcomed. A pleasant occasion is assured all who attend.

While no collection will be taken, opportunity will be given each class to carry forward its special contribution, which will be sent to the little friends at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

MADAME D'THEBES DEAD

Was Famous in France as Astrologist And Clairvoyant

Paris, Dec. 26.—Madame DeThebes, famous as an astrologist and clairvoyant, died Sunday at her country residence in Meung-SurLaire, aged 72 years. The real name of Madame DeThebes was Anna Victorine Savigny. She was a well known personality in Paris and possessed innumerable secrets concerning the private lives of men and women of note.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Willie Smith, golf professional at the Mexican Country Club, and National Open Golf champion of America in 1899, died here today. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. T. M. Pridgen, who spent Christmas with his mother and sister in this city, has returned to Sanford.

—Mr. James Hall, of Hopewell, Va., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hall, at Winter Park.

—Mr. Raymond Hunt, assistant general manager of the Tidewater Power Co., has returned from High Point, where he spent Christmas as the guest of Mr. John J. Blair at the latter's home.

—Among the arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were P. R. Stringfield, Atkinson; W. W. Alderman, Willard; J. A. Southerland, Wallace; William B. Thompson, Goldsboro; M. A. Northrop, Southport; F. J. Edwards, Bolton.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were W. C. Knox, Kinston; R. Honeycutt, Warsaw; T. R. Koonce, Chadbourn; A. L. McDonald, Rockingham; Dr. H. L. Keith, Hendersonville; J. W. Davis, Edenton; Dr. J. Arthur Dozier and J. F. Bussell, Southport; R. T. Wade, Morehead City; C. O. Bridgers, H. C. Bridgers, Jr., R. C. Bridgers, Bladenboro; O. L. Clark, Clarkton; G. H. Turner, Raleigh; H. P. Taylor, Wadesboro; E. A. Matthews, Atkinson.

—Rev. W. M. Shaw, pastor of the Southport Presbyterian church, was in the city last night en route to points in Bladen county and to Fayetteville in the interest of the home mission work of the Presbyterian church in this section. Mr. Shaw recently returned from an extended trip to Missouri and Oklahoma and also visited New Orleans. He made this trip for the special purpose of looking over the home mission work of the Presbyterian denomination in those states.

LOCAL DOTS.

—A number of youngsters who applied at police headquarters for permits for masquerades yesterday were refused because they lacked the necessary "two bits".

—A negro boy steering a Ford automobile that was being towed to a garage had a narrow escape from serious injury at Third and Dock streets Christmas Day when he lost control of the car, and was penned under the seat when it turned turtle after dashing against the curbing.

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: Jos. Tate to Hester A. Williams, property on Green street, consideration $100; Hester A. Williams and husband to Jos. Tate, property on Eighth street, consideration, $100.

Shut-Ins Remembered.

In addition to sending out a number of baskets of provisions on Saturday night to needy families in Wilmington, the members of Calvary Baptist church, following a prayer service held at the church Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, distributed baskets of fruit and flowers to many shut-ins throughout the city. The prayer service was largely attended, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States, for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

In the matter of George R. Kornegay, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy.

To the Creditors of George R. Kornegay, of Calypso, in the County of Duplin and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1916, the said George R. Kornegay was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held in the United States Court Room, Wilmington, N. C., on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1917, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

GEO. H. HOWELL,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Wilmington, N. C.,
December 26, 1916.

New Rector of St. John's To be Instituted Today

REV. R. E. GRIBBIN

EGGS ONLY 5 CENTS A DOZEN.

But This Chicago Chef is Recalling the Palmy Days.

(From the Chicago News.)

"I remember when the high cost of living first struck Chicago and flour went up from $2 to $2.30 a barrel," said Joseph Seyl, who has been chef at the Palmer House for 45 years. "We were paying 25 cents a bushel for potatoes, and eggs—why, eggs cost 5 cents a dozen and we thought it was 'too steep.'

Patrons of the Palmer House restaurant, where Mr. Seyl, who is 75 years old, has ruled the kitchen for nearly half a century, were greeted by the following insert on the bill of fare the other day:

"Notice—There will be a charge of 5 cents for bread and butter, each person."

Chicago hotel men declared that this was a radical step to be made by the historic hostelry, where "homemade" bread in heaping profusion has been a component of meals since the establishment was founded. Manager William C. Vier explained that the step was enforced by the exorbitant cost of all kitchen supplies, particularly the materials for bread baking.

"I never dreamed I would live to see the prices of the present day," said "Joe" Seyl, who despite his years looks after every detail of the hotel kitchens. "I remember when the farmers hereabouts couldn't get enough for their potatoes to make it worth while to haul them in."

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There will be an Emergent Communication of this Lodge this (Wednesday) evening at 8:00 o'clock, sharp, for work in the Master's Degree. You are requested to be present. Members of the other City Lodges and all visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. By order of the W. M.

C. C. BROWN,
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Yours for business,

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500 Cases California Turtle Dove Peaches.
200 Cases Jumbo Okra and Tomatoes.
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100 Cases Humpty-Dumpty Canned Corn.
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Wilmington, N. C.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON SCORES NET GAIN

General List Closes at Advance of 12 to 22 Points—Spot 16.90. Much Buying.

New York, Dec. 26.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet and irregular; fluctuations seemed largely the result of January notices and switching from near to late months. After selling at 16.38 on the call, January rallied to 16.80 and closed at 16.76, with the general list closing steady at a net advance of 12 to 22 points.

The market opened firm at a decline of 22 points to an advance of 22 points, near months being relatively easy under January liquidation. Notices were reported on circulation estimated at about 20,000 bales. The difference between January and March soon widened out to about 40 points, which seemed to attract a demand for the near month from spot houses and blanking interests and the market straddled in consequence. Active months sold about 19 to 23 points net higher before the end of the morning, March selling from 16.86 to 17.21, May from 17.20 to 17.51, and July from 17.32 to 17.56. Bullish Southern spot advices helped this rally, but demand tapered off and the market later reacted several points. After easing off to 16.97, March rallied, again closing at 17.10. Selling for May has been checked to some extent by an idea that the German response to the United States note favored peace prospects, the more so as grain weakened late in the afternoon, but the volume of business around the ring remained very light, and there was no aggressive buying.

Futures closed:

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	16.50	16.80	16.38	16.76
March	16.86	17.21	16.86	17.10
May	17.20	17.51	17.20	17.38
July	17.45	17.58	17.32	17.42
October	15.95	15.87	15.85	15.79

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 16.90; sales 300 bales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 17.25; receipts, 835; sales, 50; stock, 484,020.

Galveston—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 13,205; sales, 200; stock, 378,188.

Mobile—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 550; stock, 19,248.

Savannah—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 2,033; stock, 206,191.

Charleston—Receipts, 292; stock, 70,247.

Wilmington—Middling, 16½; receipts, 73; stock, 50,452.

Norfolk — Middling, 16.50; receipts, 4,124; sales, 273; stock, 112,632.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,229.

Boston—Middling, 16.75; stock, 8,900.

Philadelphia — Middling, 17.15; receipts, 66; stock, 1,139.

New York—Middling, 16.90; receipts, 616; stock, 142,452.

Minor Ports—Stock, 51,259.

Total today—Receipts, 20,844; stock, 1,531,041.

Total for week—Receipts, 65,847; exports, 46,346.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,806,015; exports, 3,029,221.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 16.70; receipts, 9,334; shipments, 7,829; sales, 861; stock, 276,212.

Memphis—Receipts, 4,514; shipments, 4,248; stock, 318,433.

Augusta — Middling, 17.50; receipts, 789; shipments, 876; sales, 260; stock, 152,233.

St. Louis—Receipts, 4,897; shipments, 5,075; stock, 32,594.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,304; shipments, 2,295; stock, 23,374.

Little Rock—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 273; shipments, 684; sales, 684; stock, 54,280.

Dallas—Middling, 16.35.

Total today—Receipts, 21,103; shipments, 21,006; stock, 859,126.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 26. — While quiet, the market for cotton seed oil was higher, particularly nearby deliveries, owing to demand from shorts and the firmness in hog products. Tender, 500 barrels; sales, 4,600 barrels. Close firm. Spot, 12.40 bid; December, 12.35@13.00; January, 12.28@12.31; February, 12.20@12.30; March, 12.15@12.17; April, 12.16@12.21; May, 12.21@12.22; June, 12.22@12.30; July, 12.26@12.35.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 26. — Mercantile paper, 4@4¾; sterling sixty day bills, 4.71¼; commercial 60-day bills on banks, 4.71½; commercial 60-day bills, 4.71; cables, 4.76 7-16; demand, 4.75¾. Bar silver, 74¾; Mexican dollars, 58¾; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, firm. Time loans, easier; sixty and ninety days, 4¼@4¼; six months, 4@4¼; call money, easier; ruling rate, 3½.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 26. — Cotton goods and yarns were steadier today. Gray goods were slightly higher. Men's wear openings were well attended. Raw silk was firm. Burlaps were quiet.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

News From Abroad Has Little Affect On Market—Gain of 15 to 21 Points

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Today's cotton market here was much of a holiday affair, little attention being paid to news features. The new peace proposals by Germany and her allies passed unnoticed, whereas a week ago they would have thrown the market into a turmoil of trading. Prices stood at a moderate advance nearly all day, closing at a net gain of 15 to 21 points.

An early rise of 19 to 22 points occurred chiefly on the lack of January tenders in this market. First notice day for the new spot month brought only 200 bales of tenders notwithstanding the stock here is nearly half a million bales, the largest amount of cotton ever accummulated at a single point in this country. At the middle of the morning, the rise amounted to 13 to 29 points, but scalping shorts increased their offerings and prices fell. At the lowest of the day trading months were 7 points higher to three points lower than Saturday's close. In the afternoon the tone was dull, but steady and the market had a tendency to rise again. Closing bid:

January 1644; March 1668; May 1692; July 1711; October 1544. Spot quiet and unchanged. Sales on the spot 50, to-arrive none; middling 1725.

WHEAT LOSES EARLY GAINS

Lively Selling Seemingly Was Connected With Germany's Proposal for a Peace Conference.

Chicago, Dec. 26. — Lively selling, which seemed to be connected with Germany's proposal for an immediate conference of belligerents, today wiped out nearly all the advance in the value of wheat. The market closed unsettled, ⅛ to 1c. advance; May, at 1.68½ to 1.68¾, and July, at 1.38¼ to 1.38½. Provisions wound up at 5c. to 37c. advance. Close:

Wheat—May, 1.68½; July, 1.38¼.

Corn—May, 91⅝; July, 81⅛.

Oats—May, 53¼; July, 50⅝.

Pork—January, 27.25; May, 29.62.

Lard—January, 15.97; May, 16.15.

Ribs—January, 13.93; May, 14.40.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, No. 3, red, No. 2, and No. 3, hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 94½@95¼; No. 4, yellow, 88½@93¼; No. 4, white, 90½@92¾.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 2,283 tons, Heilasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,572 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51¼c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-11c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 50½c.; rosin, $5.15 and $5.95; tar, $2.10-8½c.; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin .....(—)

Tar 76

Crude Turpentine 13

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — 16½c.; same day last year, nominal.

Receipts—710 bales; same day last year, holiday.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 73,429 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 134,650 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 26, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—677 bales cotton; 76 barrels tar; 13 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—33 bales cotton.

Total—710 bales cotton; 76 barrels tar; 13 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 26.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 33 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 35c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Ood hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 26. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 58c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 26. — Spanish, Farmers' Stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling Stock, 3c. to 3½c.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 26. — Hogs — Easy, at 10 to 15c. above Saturday's average. Bulk, 10.00@10.45; light, 9.60@10.35; mixed, 9.90@10.55; heavy, 10.00@10.60; rough, 10.00@10.15; pigs, 7.50@9.20.

Cattle—Strong. Native beef cattle, 7.50@11.50; western steers, 7.25@10.00; stockers, 5.20@8.15; cows and heifers, 4.20@10.00; calves, 8.50@12.00.

Sheep—Steady. Wethers, 9.00@10.00; ewes, 6.25@9.65; lambs, 11.25@13.40.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 26. — Beeves, steady, steers, 7.00@10.00; bulls, 5.00@8.00; cows, 3.75@7.00.

Calves—Steady. Veals, 10.00@15.00; culls, 8.00@9.50; barn yard calves, 5.50@6.50; yearlings, 4.50@5.50; fed calves, 7.00@9.00.

Sheep and Lambs — Steady. Sheep, 5.50@8.50; culls, 4.00@5.25; lambs, 11.00@13.50; culls, 8.00@10.00.

Hogs—Firm. Light to heavy, 10.25@10.45; rough, 9.35.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 26. — Sugar—Raw, steady; centrifugal, 5.68; molasses, 4.21; refined, easy.

Coffee—Spot, quiet. Rio, No. 7, 9¾; Santos, No. 4, 10¾.

STOCKS MAKE SOME GAINS

Wall Street Much Concerned In Possible Agreement Between United States and Mexico

New York, Dec. 26.—Wall Street today appeared more concerned in the Mexican situation than in European peace negotiations and shares most affected by conditions across the Southern border rose vigorously on reports in financial circles of a possible agreement between the United States and Mexico.

Shipping issues were active but highly erratic, Mercantile Marine preferred recording an extreme decline of 7 1-4 points, with 3 5-8 for the common, on further heavy selling ascribed to England's policy of "nationalization", while Atlantic Gulf and West Indies, owing to allegiance to the British government registered a gross gain of 9 points. Renewal of Germany's peace overtures was followed by a moderate strengthening of representative stocks, including United States steel, but this advantage was partly due to the failure of the note to set forth any definite terms.

The movement otherwise constituted a confusion of gains and losses, with minor advances predominating at the end. United States steel fluctuated between 108 a 110 7-8, closing at 107 3-4, a gain of 1 5-8 points. Rails were only moderately active, low priced shares displaying more firmness than the investment group. Coppers contributed measurably to the day's business but moved within narrow bounds. Sugars, leathers, Industrial Alcohol and such utilities as Ohio gas and Columbia Gas, the former at an extreme gain of 5 1-2 points, were among the few less conspicuous issues of strength.

Amglo-French 5s were slightly lower with similar issues unaltered. Total sales of bonds, par value $3,225,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	28½
American Beet Sugar	90
American Can	47½
American Car and Foundry	66
American Cotton Oil	49½
American Locomotive	78
American Smelting	105
American Sugar	110
American Tel. and Tel	125½
American Tobacco	B.215
American Zinc	38½
Anaconda Copper	83⅞
Atchison	104
Atlantic Coast Line	B.118
Baldwin Locomotive	59
Baltimore and Ohio	84
Bethlehem Steel	500
Canadian Pacific	167½
Central Leather	86⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	66⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91¾
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	34⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron	46
Consolidated Gas	133
Corn Products	24⅛
Crucible Steel	62
Cuba Cane Sugar	51½
Erie	35
General Electric	169⅛
Great Northern, pfd	117⅞
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	36⅛
Goodrich	61½
Illinois Central	105⅞
Inspiration Copper	58
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	84⅝
International Nickel	44
International Paper	48½
Kansas City Southern	26½
Kennecott Copper	45½
Lehigh Valley	79⅞
Louisville and Nashville	B.131
Liggett and Meyers	B.285
Lorillard Co	B.222
Maxwell Motors	52⅞
Mexican Petroleum	97⅝
National Lead	60¼
New York Central	103⅞
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	54
Norfolk and Western	136
Northern Pacific	110¼
Pennsylvania	56½
Ray Consolidated Copper	26½
Reading	103⅞
Rep. Iron and Steel	78
Seaboard Air Line	17⅝
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	37½
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	61⅝
Studebaker Corp	111¾
Southern Pacific	97⅝
Southern Railway	32⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	69¾
Tennessee Copper	16¼
Texas Co	225½
Union Pacific	147⅞
United Fruit	150
United States Rubber	62¾
United States Steel	107¾
United States Steel, pfd	119⅞
Utah Copper	103
Virginia-Caro. Chem	42½
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	30⅝
Western Union	97
Westinghouse Electric	56
Mo. Pac., w. i	34⅝

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 26. — Turpentine, firm, 52; sales, 58; receipts, 412; shipments, 640; stock, 22,678.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,425; receipts, 3,150; shipments, 4,801; stock, 92,892. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, 6.10; K, 6.25; M, 6.45; N, 6.85; W G, 7.00; W W, 7.25.

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J. BERG,
Executor.

Cranmer & Davis, Attorneys.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 27, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 37 degrees; at 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.11 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Monday, 5.9 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Rain and warmer Wednesday; Thursday probably fair, colder west portion.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., December 26. — Hoist northeast storm warning 11 a. m., Fort Monroe to Jacksonville. Disturbance over east Texas, moving east, with marked high pressure on Atlantic coast; will cause strong northeast and east winds this afternoon and tonight, with rain. FRANKENFIELD.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 27, 1916.

Sun rises .....7:16 A. M.

Sun sets .....5:10 P. M.

Day's length .....9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	11:48	11:58	6:39	7:17
Southport	9:40	10:02	3:26	4:09
Masonboro Inl	9:29	9:51	3:06	3:49

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 26, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	60	42	.0
Asheville	rain	44	38	.02
Atlanta	rain	42	42	.04
Augusta	cldy	48	48	.02
Baltimore	clear	38	—	.0
Birmingh.	rain	58	54	.0
Boston	clear	30	18	.0
Charleston	cldy	58	52	.06
Charlotte	clear	40	34	.0
Chicago	cldy	40	28	.64
Galveston	clear	68	60	.01
Jacksonv.	cldy	72	60	.0
Memphis	cldy	58	52	.34
Mobile	cldy	66	60	.66
Montgom'y	cldy	62	58	.01
New Orl	cldy	76	60	.24
New York	clear	34	24	.0
Oklahoma	clear	56	46	.32
Palestine	clear	78	64	.0
Pittsburg	rain	46	24	.0
Raleigh	cldy	48	30	.0
Savannah	rain	58	52	.12
Shreveport	cldy	78	60	.06
St. Louis	rain	58	36	.0
Washing'n	clear	40	24	.0

Newport, R. I., Dec. 26.—Nantucket shoals lightship No. 85, which was blown from her station by an eighty mile gale last Friday night returned to her station today.

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, fubound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:25 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia, which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	‡1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:20 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	‡7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND.			WESTBOUND.		
Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric" Center for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	‡7:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	‡9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
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3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
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6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	‡7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Fort Myers	$32.15
Jacksonville	$19.80
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville	$27.75
New Bern	$3.90
New Orleans	$37.65
Norfolk	$9.95
Raleigh	$5.65
Richmond	$10.15
Rocky Mount	$3.35
St. Augustine	$21.65
St. Louis	$37.10
St. Petersburg	$29.10
Savannah	$12.75
Sumter	$6.35
Tampa	$29.10
Washington	$15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$22.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South."

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NASHVILLE, TENN	$27.75
NEW ORLEANS, LA	$37.65
RALEIGH, N. C.	$ 5.65
CHARLOTTE, N. C.	$7.90
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TRAINING IS PROPOSED FOR 10,000 CIVILIANS

Twelve Reserve Battleships May be Used for Cruising.

Tentative Plan Drawn Up by Navy Department for Maneuvers Next Summer Similar to That of Last—On Larger Scale.

Washington, Dec. 25.—An opportunity for 10,000 civilians to receive naval training during the coming year will be offered under Navy Department plans completed today, contemplating the use of 12 reserve battleships for a summer training cruise, the establishment of coast training camps at Norfolk, San Francisco, Chicago, Newport and probably Pensacola, and the organization of motor boat squadrons made up of owners of private motor craft.

A tentative schedule drawn up by the department provides for the opening of the camps and the start of the cruise on July 2, the training course in each instance to extend until August 4th. Mobilization of motor boat squadrons for maneuvers would take place early in September. A winter training course preliminary to the summer cruise would be provided those applying on board designated battleships at Philadelphia and New York.

The summer training cruise, which will be similar to the John Paul Jones cruise of last summer in which about 1,200 civilians were given training, probably will be held again this year coincident with the naval war game. Training at the camps will be similar to that given apprentice seamen for one month. The expenses to each man will be about $30, but Congress will be asked to authorize enrollment of those who qualify in the naval volunteer reserve for one year, with a provision that their expenses for transportation to and from the camps and for subsistence would be met by the government. At present there is no authority under which the civilians can bind themselves for war service.

In organizing the motor boat patrol squadrons the department will carry into effect the provision of the last naval bill authorizing formation of a naval coast defense reserve. Motor boat owners and operators taking part in these maneuvers will be asked to join the permanent reserve which is designed to furnish the navy with a fleet of fast armed motor auxiliaries for use along the coasts and particularly adapted for attacking submarines. During the maneuvers fuel oil will be furnished by the government.

GERMANY'S REPLY REGARDED AS ADVANCING MOVEMENT FOR PEACE FORWARD

(Continued From Page One).

sume that Germany expects the United States to inform her enemies of her reply.

Two features of the note beclouded the situation slightly and caused some concern among officials here. The first was the giving out of the note in Berlin before it had opportunity to reach Washington and the other was the connection of the reply with the original German peace proposal. President Wilson went to great pains in his note to disavow any association or influence with this proposal and the association in the German reply was somewhat disquieting to officials who foresee the necessity of probably reiterating the position of this government.

Attention Turns To Entente Reply

Pending receipt of the official text, attention turns to the reply of the Entente governments. At their embassies here the view prevails that their answer, while expressing sympathetic regard for the President's purposes and ideals, will decline to negotiate on the status quo. The Entente reply to the German proposals is expected to be couched in sharpest language probably taking opportunity to lay stress on the moral questions to which their statesmen have devoted much attention in public utterances.

Dispatches today from Petrograd outlining the official view there, foreshadowing that the Allies would not discuss peace terms until they stood in military possession of territory they claim, attracted much attention.

BERNSTORFF DECLINES TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL

New York, Dec. 26.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, declined tonight on his arrival here from Washington to comment in any way on the text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note.

The ambassador said he had left Washington a few minutes before the text of the reply had been received there, but that he had read a copy of it on the trip to New York.

TO TAKE UP LEGISLATION TO RAISE REVENUE FOR DEFICIT

Issuance of Panama Canal Bonds One Source to be Considered.

Washington, Dec. 26. — Issuance of $125,000,000 of Panama Canal bonds, increased income and estate taxes, additional taxes on whiskey, beer, cigarettes and bottled waters, and higher tariff on coffee and tea are proposed in a tentative programme to be considered by the House ways and means committee, when it begins framing revenue legislation to meet the prospective deficit of $370,000 at the end of the next fiscal year. The committee will undertake its task soon after Congress reconvenes, next week.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS TO MEET IN RALEIGH JANUARY 8

Governor Has Certificates of Election Made Out and Delivered

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—Governor Craig today had made out and delivered the certificates of election to the Federal and State officers elected in this State at the November election and notifications for the presidential electors to meet in Raleigh January 8 to elect from their number the messengers who shall go to Washington at the appointed time and cast the North Carolina vote for Woodrow Wilson for president. The utmost care is being exercised to rigidly conform with every detail of the election laws.

BLOOD-STAINED AXE AND CLOTHING FOUND

Nine Negroes Held in Connection With Murder of Four.

Bodies of John N. Reeves, His Wife and Two Children, Brutally Killed Near Minden, La., Buried Yesterday

Minden, La., Dec. 26.—A blood stained axe, believed to have been the weapon with which John N. Reeves, his wife and their two children were murdered at their home in the Grove community near here Christmas eve, was found today half a mile from the scene of the crime and, according to a statement by the sheriff, blood stained clothing has been found at the homes of some of the negroes detained as suspects. Nine negroes now are being held in the parish jail here.

Another development today was the admission that the authorities are investigating reports that one or more white men instigated the murders if they were not actually present when they were committed.

The bodies of Reeves and his wife were buried this morning and this afternoon the bodies of the two children who died after being taken to a hospital in Shreveport were buried beside their parents.

The 15-months-old child, who was thought to have been fatally injured, is believed now to have a chance of recovery.

Minden is quiet and it is not believed that mob violence will be attempted.

It is said that Mrs. Reeves recently received $3,500 in the settlement of an estate and this, with the $500 which her husband kept in the house, is supposed to have furnished the motive for the murders. None of the money has been found.

CUTTERS ON WAY TO AID STEAMER MARYLAND AT SEA

No Further Messages Received By Wireless From Distressed Ship

Nantucket, Mass, Dec. 26.—The radio stations at Siasconset and at Newport, R. I., listened in vain throughout the day and night for further news from the steamer Maryland which sent out distress calls late last night saying she was sinking 380 miles east of Sandy Hook. The coast guard cutters Acushnet and Gresham were on the way to the steamer's aid but were not expected to be able to reach the position given until tomorrow.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—The steamship City of Savannah, which was reported early today as hurrying to the assistance of the sinking steamship Maryland, arrived tonight from Savannah.

Captain Hammond said that he offered to go to the Maryland's assistance when he picked up her call for help, but was informed by the wireless at the Sankaty station that the coast guard cutter Gresham and Acushnet were speeding to her aid. He expressed the opinion that it would have been futile for him to attempt to reach the Maryland in time to be of assistance to her. It was doubtful whether he could have found her, he said, owing to the meagre information regarding her position.

L. P. Potts, the wireless operator on the City of Savannah, stated that his vessel was about half way between Montauk Point, L. I., and Block Island, heading for Vineyard sound, when he first received Maryland's calls. The Maryland's operator, he said, reported the distressed steamer's position as 260 miles broad off Block Island.

SAYS RATES MUST BE MADE TO CONFORM WITH EXPENSES

If Not, It is Stated, Federal Control of Railroads is Inevitable.

New York, Dec. 26.—Unless railroad rates are adjusted to make revenues conform proportionately to expenses, Federal control of the country's railroads is inevitable, according to the annual report of the general executive committee of the Railway Business Association made public here tonight.

"If total revenues are not made adequate to total expenses," the report states, "no question will long remain as between Federal and state authority because sooner or later the Federal government under those conditions must take over the roads.

"The present law," the report points out, "declares that each rate shall be just, reasonable and non-discriminatory. It is our purpose to recommend that two additional elements be embodied in the statutory rule:

"1. That in regulating rates total revenues shall be permitted sufficient for total legitimate purposes.

"2. That legitimate purposes shall embrace the attraction of investment for improvements and extensions."

PREMIERS OF DOMINIONS ARE INVITED TO MEET WAR CABINET

To Discuss Problems Relating to War and Terms for Peace.

London, Dec. 26.—The secretary of state for the colonies has sent a telegram to the dominions explaining the purposes of the forthcoming imperial conference announced by Premier Lloyd-George.

The telegram explains that what the government contemplates is not an ordinary imperial conference, but a special war conference of the empire.

The prime minister of each of the dominions is "invited to attend a series of special meetings of the war cabinet in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, possible conditions, on which, in agreement with our allies, we could assent to its termination and problems which would then immediately arise."

The premiers are urged to attend at an early date, not later than the end of February.

MILK EMBARGO LIFTED.

Dealers and Producers Compromise on 22½ Cents Per Gallon.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—Cleveland's milk embargo, effective since December 15, was lifted late tonight when dealers and producers compromised on a flat wholesale rate of 22½ cents a gallon, commencing January 1.

The retail price of milk, dealers declared tonight, will remain at 10 cents a quart and 5½ cents a pint.

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WANTED — YOUNG, WELL-DRESSED (Single) man, to travel and sell goods. Must be able to start at once. Only men of good habits need apply. Call 10 to 11 Wednesday morning, Imperial Hotel. C. D. Murphy. de27-1t*

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ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIMS against Atlantic Coast Veneer Company are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to Geo. H. Hutaff, receiver. This 27th day of December, 1916. Signed Geo. H. Hutaff. de27,31;ja7,14-4t

OLD AND STRONG — MECHANICS' Home Association. New series B and L. stock, January 6th. W. M. Cumming, Secretary. de27-1t

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FOR RENT—SOUTH WEST CORNER 2nd and Redcross. (No. 120) 8 rooms. See M. C. Darby & Co. de 17-tf

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DON'T PUT IT OFF—SHIP YOUR leaky radiators to W. B. Klander, 8 So. 2nd St. I am the doctor. de10-tf

McC. J. SMITH, "THE GRAPE MAN", of Seven Springs, N. C., will be in Wilmington, on Market street, on December 29th and 30th, to deliver grape vines to his customers. de 24-4t*

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FROM 17 TO 50 PERSONS REPORTED DEAD AS RESULT OF TORNADO

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hood. Passengers arriving tonight on a train that passed through the storm area described the scenes of destruction, but had no authentic information as to the number killed or injured.

"We saw furniture in tree tops," said one passenger. "Wires were blown down, trees uprooted or snapped off, and the ground was covered with wreckage. Several times our train was forced to stop until the crew cleared the track. Near Heywood, we saw a house on fire, apparently from lightning. There were terrific flashes of lightning and torrents of rain.

"At one station a man brought aboard some pine twigs, which he said must have been blown from a forest 12 miles away.

"At Keo we heard a report that a negro settlement near there has been wiped out and that 17 negroes were killed."

The storm extended south of Pine Bluff, where the home of Joseph Pilkington, a farmer, was demolished and a number of barns and outbuildings destroyed or damaged.

No casualties were reported in Pine Bluff.

TORNADO STRIKES PLANTATION IN VICINITY OF TALLULAH, LA.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 26.—A plantation in the vicinity of Tallulah, La., near here was badly damaged when a tornado swept that district late this afternoon, according to reports received here tonight. No deaths were reported.

COLDEST WEATHER OF THE WINTER GRIPS FAR WEST.

Seventeen Inches of Snow Falls in 24 Hours at Bismark, N. D.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Far western states were in the grip today of the coldest weather of the winter and snow fell in Los Angeles for the sixth time in 40 years. In Helena, Mont., thermometers registered 29 degrees below zero. A man froze to death in Washington while on a trapping expedition.

In the mountains of Fresco county, California, the snow fall yesterday was four feet.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 26.—A blizzard with a snowfall of 17 inches in 24 hours, today broke the record established 20 years ago.

LEFT $5,000 ESTATE

Late Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, of Harvard, Made No Will

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26.—The late Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, of Harvard University, left an estate of $5,000, according to an appraisal filed in the probate court here today. He died without leaving a will and his wife, Mrs. Selma I. Munsterberg, has filed administration papers.

SCHOOL CHILDREN "STRIKE"

Displeased With Board's Refusal to Grant Christmas Vacation

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 26.—As their answer to the school board's decision in not granting a Christmas vacation of one week, 15,000 school children of the 22,000 enrolled in the public schools of this city, remained away from sessions today.

IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE AT SOME NEUTRAL POINT TO DISCUSS PEACE PROPOSED

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Mowinckel said he gained the impression that the reply of the Entente Allies did not exclude further peace negotiations.

SWEDEN SAID TO HAVE SENT PEACE NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS

London, Dec. 26.—The Daily Telegraph says it understands a Swedish note identical in purport with the note of the Swiss government concerning President Wilson's peace initiative, has been presented to the belligegent governments.

SANTFORD MARTIN NAMED AS BICKETT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY

Editor of Winston-Salem Journal Gets Appointment Expected

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—The generally expected happened today in official announcement by Governor-Elect T. W. Bickett that he has appointed Santford Martin, of Winston-Salem, as his private secretary. Mr. Martin has accepted and will begin his duties when Mr. Bickett assumes the governorship early in the new year, somewhere about January 8.

Mr. Martin is widely and most favorably known as the editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and has done splendid service not only in the furtherance of the candidacy of Mr. Bickett for governor, but for strengthening Democracy in both the State and the National campaigns. It is understood that he will continue to direct the editorial policy of the Journal, so that accepting the appointment will not disconnect him from the Journal and North Carolina newspaperdom.

WOULD STIMULATE STUDY OF CHURCH HISTORY IN COUNTRY

Fund of $100,000 is Advocated by Rev. O. H. Pannkoke.

New York, Dec. 26. — Establishment of an endowment fund of $100,000 to stimulate scholarship in church history in this country, was advocated by the Rev. O. H. Pannkoke, executive secretary of the New York Reformation Quadri-Centenary committee, at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, here today.

Lack of knowledge of church history, he said, was responsible for many of the "fantastic panaceas offered from American pulpits."

Other speakers were Edward Payson Johnson, of New Brunswick, N. J., retiring president of the society; Prof. Eric McCoy North, of Columbia University; Prof. Frederick J. F. Jackson, and Prof. Abdel R. Wentz, of Gettysburg Seminary.

David Schley Schaff, of Pittsburg, Pa., a professor in the Western Theological Seminary, and son of the founder of the society, was elected president of the society.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 26. — Colonel James S. Browning, of Roanoke, a retired and wealthy coal operator, announced tonight that he is a candidate for governor of Virginia on the Republican ticket, subject to the action of the Republican State Convention in the spring.